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# Ethical arms policy in disarray

Richard Norton-Taylor

**T**HE Government has approved more than 2,000 licences for arms exports to some of the world's most volatile trouble-spots, in apparent breach of its ethical foreign policy guidelines, according to a report published today.

They include categories covering the supply of small arms and machine guns to security forces in Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Indonesia, de-

spite a pledge that licences would not be granted if there was "a clearly identifiable risk that the export might be used for internal repression".

Sixty-four licences were granted to Indonesia for categories of equipment including bombs, tanks and combat aircraft, some at the height of the political and economic turmoil earlier this year.

A flood of licences has been cleared for India and Pakistan, embroiled in a dispute over Kashmir and nuclear tests, despite recent ministerial statements that arms sales should not be approved

if they increased regional tension.

Export licences for "small arms, machine guns and accessories" were granted to Bahrain, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Turkey, Uganda, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe - all countries on the face of it covered by the guidelines.

Thirty-six export licences were granted to China for categories of equipment including large-calibre weapons, rockets and missiles covered by a European Union embargo. Li-

centences were also granted for arms-related exports to Algeria, which is also covered by the embargo.

The new figures are contained in a report by Saferworld, an independent research group, based on numerous ministerial answers to questions from MPs.

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, yesterday pointed to a recent statement by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, about the dangers of an arms race on the Indian sub-continent. "Yet in the light of the fact that 535 li-

centences have been granted to India from May 1, 1997, to May 10, 1998, for such items as bombs, missiles, combat aircraft and riot control agents, we are clearly fuelling an arms race ourselves", Mr Campbell said.

He called for the setting up of a Commons committee to scrutinise arms exports and individual licence applications.

Labour MP Ann Clwyd said: "It is difficult to know what arms we are selling because it is shrouded in secrecy."

Saferworld concedes that it is impossible to tell exactly what each export licence cov-

ers, because the information given is in broad categories. One category ranges from aircraft to parachutes.

However, information based on Department of Trade and Industry statistics show that licences were approved for the supply of "toxicological agents, riot control agents and related equipment, including tear gas" to Indonesia, India and Turkey.

Mr Cook said recently the Government had "made it quite clear we will not sell equipment that will be used in internal oppression". Douglas Henderson, the min-

ister responsible for Europe, said earlier this year: "We remain concerned at Turkey's poor human rights record."

Guidelines announced by the Foreign Office soon after Labour came to power state that "an export licence will not be issued if the arguments for doing so are outweighed ... by concern that the goods might be used for internal oppression or international aggression, or by the risks to regional stability, or other considerations".

Though these considerations include the potential effect on Britain's commercial interests

and its "essential strategic industrial base", the rules stress the importance of human rights and the need "not to introduce into [a] region new capabilities which would be likely to lead to increased tension".

The Foreign Office said last night that the Government's first annual report on strategic exports - expected next month - would give details of all major export licences. Ministers privately say that the existing DTI system of categories, inherited from the previous government, is unsatisfactory.

## Moroccans destroy Scotland's World Cup dream

Stuart Miller

**T**HE legendary good spirits of Scotland's travelling supporters were tested to the limit in St Etienne yesterday when it was revealed that the thousands who had turned up to watch the clash with Morocco on a giant screen would only be shown snuff-pieces of the game.

Authorities in the town had promised the 20,000-strong Tartan Army a celebration to mark the carnival put on by their previous hosts, Bordeaux. But the fans - some of whom had sold tickets for the game to watch it on the giant screen with ticketless friends - were stunned to discover that the French television company, Cable Plus, would only be flicking between the Scotland game and the Brazil-Norway clash in Marseille.

St Etienne's mayor, Michel Thiolliere, said: "We understand that the Scottish would love to watch their match and I am sure they will see a lot of it, but it will be mixed with the Brazil and Norway game."

The only way Scottish fans, only a few thousand of whom had tickets, would be able to watch the match would be on a private television which had a satellite station showing the game.

As England supporters left Toulouse after the 2-1 defeat by Romania, one fan was seriously ill in hospital after being stabbed after the game. He was named as Steve Clarke, aged 38, from Stourbridge, West Midlands.

Another England fan was jailed for four months in Toulouse after being caught on video during rioting last week in Marseille.

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A prayer for St Etienne ... but Scottish fans in Edinburgh failed to bring about a miracle as their team lost 3-0 to Morocco

PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MACLEOD

## MPs demand rethink in vitamin row

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

**G**OVERNMENT plans to limit drastically the sale of vitamin B6, which is used by two million women every day to combat pre-menstrual tension, must be scrapped, an authoritative MPs' committee demanded yesterday.

The verdict from the Commons Agriculture Select Committee is a damaging blow to ministers whose proposal has already led to supermarkets and chemist chains withdrawing up to 500 health products containing the vitamin from the shelves.

MPs have received more than 110,000 letters of protest. This is the largest critical postbag since the row over beef on the bone and vies with complaints about the Child Support Agency. The MPs said the Government should withdraw plans to limit over-the-counter sales of vitamin B6 to one 10 mg pill a day, or 50 mg from pharmacists.

Instead, there should be a voluntary limit of 100 mg a day and clear health warnings on the bottles. The MPs' findings were based on the latest American research, which points to symptoms such as tingling, numbness and clumsiness associated with long-term doses of 500mg or above.

The committee said the Government's plan was based on flawed and "scientifically unjustifiable" evidence of a health risk with high dose pills.

It accused independent experts responsible for advising the Government of being stubborn, defensive, "cut to the point of rudeness" and "patently wrong" in assessing the safety of high doses of the vitamin used by up to two million women to treat PMS and other stress disorders.

The report says that the department of health's experts, the Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals (COT), had based its recommendations on an 11-year-old study by gynaecologists.

## Pretty angry woman Paglia quits Dimbleby interview



Camille Paglia: 'He tried to lecture me on rape'

Joanna Coles in New York

**I**T WAS all planned carefully in advance. The producers had pre-interviewed her about a range of subjects and the actual interview was due to take place at the University of Arts, a small but smart campus in Philadelphia. Which was the first problem.

The small room set aside for Jonathan Dimbleby's interview with Camille Paglia, one of the leading feminist thinkers in the United States, and certainly the most volatile, was deemed by producers to be too dull.

"They told me it was too boring," Professor Paglia raged yesterday, "too small and too drab. So they had booked the presidential suite

at the Rittenhouse Hotel instead, because that's where Pretty Woman with Julia Roberts was filmed."

It was annoying but Ms Paglia was flattered to be one of only four subjects deemed worthy to be filmed while Mr Dimbleby, ITV's leading interviewer, was in the US the others being Janet Reno, the attorney-general, the author Norman Mailer and the United Nations secretary-general, Kofi Annan.

So she left her academic office and trudged the six blocks in the rain to reach the hotel. "I did this to myself, wait a moment, this is supposed to be a serious political talkshow and they're impressed by a room in which Julia Roberts stayed?" But the prospect of a serious discussion with the interviewer

who had skewered Prince Charles intrigued her.

Alas, once she arrived at the hotel things went from bad to worse. "Jonathan Dimbleby was the worst prepared person I have ever encountered," she shouted. "He tried to lecture me on how women felt when they were raped. He sat there looking at his notes and mouthing his next questions before I had finished my answers."

And so, after 20 minutes of being "hounded by the man", she walked out. "I tore off the microphones and threw it down," she cried jubilantly. "And the producers pursued me down the corridor desperate for me to go back."

"I was most perplexed when she stalked off," Mr Dimbleby said defensively on

his way back to JFK airport in New York yesterday. "I was trying to find out what she thought and she suddenly protested that I'd ambushed her. It was a surprising word to use because I was only reading her own quotes back to her."

His producer, Alexander Gardner, said it was nonsense to say Mr Dimbleby was unprepared. "I'm not saying he read every comma but he certainly read the relevant chapters of her three books," he said. "I don't think she's used to being challenged."

He confirmed Ms Paglia had been upset by the venue change but said he did not understand why. "The only room made available to us by the university was very grey. And the hotel room was nice; it was used in Pretty Woman."



Jonathan Dimbleby: 'She protested I'd ambushed her'

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## 'A lot of the problems suffered by children are caused by their parents' money worries and bickering'

GILLIAN ROBERTS, aged 47: "I can hardly remember my parents being together and I have no recollection of them arguing in front of me. It wasn't as if the household was suddenly split, as far as I can recall, but I may have blotted a lot of it out."

There had been problems with my mum and dad since I was five years old and I stayed with my grandparents on and off during that time.

My parents split up when I was about nine years old and me and my younger brother lived with my dad as my mother had a breakdown and was in hospital.

Then we went to stay with a foster family, but I didn't like it and moved in with my grandparents. My mum came out of hospital when I was 11 and I went to live with her until I left home at 16.

I don't think that divorce, per se, necessarily does a child any harm. If anything, I feel that a lot of the problems suffered by children are caused by their parents' money worries and bickering, rather than the divorce itself.

I don't remember feeling horrible... my grandparents were a stable influence. The person who is the father of my two teenage children was not compatible with me... he was very possessive like my father but we were together for eight years. I am older and wiser now.

My father committed suicide two years ago."



Gillian Roberts: after her parents split up when she was nine she found a stable influence in her grandparents

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN GOODMAN

# Divorce: a child's eye view

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

**C**HILDREN of divorced or separated parents run twice the risk of suffering problems ranging from poor performance at school to psychiatric disorder in later life, a definitive assessment of all available research today concludes.

But many such problems will stem not from parental separation but from the conflict preceding it, according to experts brought in from Australia and New Zealand to give an impartial verdict on an issue that has split British researchers.

The experts' conclusion is that deeply-unhappy couples should stay together "for the sake of the children" only if they can protect them from the effects of the misery and feuding. Otherwise, separation may be the better option.

"It is especially important that parents appreciate the possible damage from overt conflict and violence and from the involvement of children in their disputes," said Bryan Rodgers, of the Australian National University in Canberra.

The scale of harm to children through divorce and separation has been a hotly-contested academic dispute. Some studies have claimed that children fall at school, turn to crime, suffer ill-health and grow up to repeat their parents' mistakes; others have argued that such effects are greatly overstated and that worse befalls children who stay in acrimonious, intact families.

Mr Rodgers, together with



Denise Bourne: her parents divorced after 25 years of marriage

PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

Jan Pryor of the University of Auckland, New Zealand, was commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to review more than 200 British studies on the issue.

The experts conclude that "as a rule of thumb, many adverse outcomes are roughly twice as prevalent among children of divorced families compared with children from other families". These outcomes vary from bed-wetting and aggression to below-average school performance and, in adult life, early parenthood and smoking, drinking and drug misuse.

However, Mr Rodgers and

Ms Pryor say that most studies have gone wrong in failing correctly to attribute such outcomes to what children experience during the build-up to separation and divorce, rather than to what they experience at the time.

"Although the differences in outcomes are clear, it cannot be assumed that parental separation is their underlying cause."

"The complexity of factors that impinge on families before, during and after separation indicates a process, rather than a single event, that merits careful examination."

The experts also cast doubt

on the widely-held view that it is the absence of a father figure which contributes most to problems among children of separated and divorced parents, pointing out that children whose fathers die do not exhibit as many difficulties but children in step-families do.

Ms Pryor said policy-makers should concentrate on providing support for families facing separation and divorce, rather than believing that much could be done to keep them together.

"In western countries, separation and divorce is here to stay. It's possibly foolish to

## 'It has not made life easy for us in terms of maintaining relationships'

DENISE BOURNE, aged 36: "My parents finally divorced around 10 years ago when I was in my mid-20s and it was not a surprise. I had seen it coming for a long time as they had been married for more than 25 years and didn't get on with each other."

I have spoken to my mum about it since then and she told me they only stayed together for so long for the sake of the children—I am the eldest of five.

Dad was a long-distance lorry driver and during the week he would be away from home, but when he came home there would al-

ways be an atmosphere and rows.

When he wasn't there mum was quite relaxed and natural. I never saw any major fights but there were quite a few rows. Before he arrived back home, mum would always say to us: "Oh, dad's coming home."

The tension has affected us all in different ways. It has not made life easy for us in terms of maintaining relationships. Mum has got quite a few grandchildren, but none of us has bothered to get married.

I am a lone parent with two children and it has affected them at all and had no self-confidence because of the way I related to my dad.

We are all a lot closer to our mum than dad and we haven't spoken to him for quite a while."

Interview: Helen Carter

# New row as Neill drops Porter

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

**L**ORD NEILL, the barrister appointed by Tony Blair to clean up political corruption, last night pulled out of representing the former Tory Westminster council leader, Dame Shirley Porter, in her fight to overturn a £27 million surcharge for "disgraceful and improper gerrymandering".

His decision followed criticism by Labour MPs for accepting the brief while being paid £300 a day as chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

It came as the Commons public administration committee decided to write to Lord Neill demanding an explanation of his dual role and how he could defend it.

Lord Neill said: "While the appeal raises important questions of law, I have advised her that continuing prejudicial comment concerning my representation of her would be damaging to her interests. In the light of a perceived conflict between my two roles, such comment would also be likely to impede the work of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, of which I have the honour to be chairman."

However, Lord Neill's statement caused consternation among MPs.

He had not informed fellow members of the committee.

Dame Shirley was found guilty by the district auditor, John Magill, of "wilful misconduct and improper and disgraceful gerrymandering" after a seven-year investiga-

Austin



tion into the "homes for votes" scandal. She, five other councillors and four officials were found guilty of selective sales of council houses at the expense of the homeless to prevent Labour winning the 1990 council elections.

Last year three High Court judges upheld the findings against her and deputy leader David Weeks, branding her a liar and refusing leave to appeal, a decision overturned by the Court of Appeal.

Peter Bradley, Labour MP for The Wirral and former deputy leader of the Labour group on Westminster council, welcomed Lord Neill's decision, but said it was a pity he did not do it earlier, when he was advising Dame Shirley on her appeal.

"It is crucial given his position as the chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life that he is not only above reproach but is seen to be above reproach."

Labour MP David Winnick, a senior member of the Commons' home affairs committee, said that if he had continued as counsel, "clearly there would have had to be a question mark over his continuing as chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life."

The public administration committee is still likely to press for a full explanation from Lord Neill.

## Fury over new job for watchdog

Headline from Saturday's Guardian

## Home Alone star marries

Joanna Coles in New York

**M**ACAULAY CULKIN, the child star who sprang to fame in Home Alone and stayed in the headlines after dyeing his hair green and falling out with his pushy stage parents, has made a bid for adulthood by marrying his girlfriend, Rachel Miner. Both are 17.

The wedding took place in Connecticut at the weekend and was attended by "family," though Mr Culklin's press agent could not confirm whether, signalling a brief reconciliation, the Culklin parents were present.

There was also some mystery as to why the couple, who announced their engagement in March, had chosen Connecticut, where the wedding regulations are the same as in their home state of New York and minors need parental consent to tie the knot under the age of 18.

The couple met at the Professional Children's School in Manhattan, which is attended by children already pursuing careers.

Ms Miner recently starred in a Broadway production of



Macaulay Culkin and Rachel Miner, tying the knot aged 17

The Diary of Anne Frank which, though it received good reviews, closed after failing to win any Tony awards.

Lika bar husband, who made his name in Home Alone and Home Alone 2, she began work early in life, starting on a daytime soap called Guiding Light, aged nine. She has won awards for best young actress in a day-

time show three times. The couple, who brought the wedding forward from August when they would both have been 18, issued a statement saying: "This is the happiest day of our lives. We're very much in love and couldn't be happier."

"However, because of our busy careers we have no immediate plans for a family."

## MPs demand rethink on plan to restrict vitamin B6 sales

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logist Dr Katharina Dalton which was "scientifically unjustifiable" given the serious criticisms made of it by fellow scientists and the absence of any subsequent research substantiating it.

Nor had there been any cases of vitamin B6 poisoning, despite the widespread publicity about the issue and the huge numbers of people taking it.

MPs said they had been "dismayed by the stubbornness and defensiveness" which COT had displayed in response to scientific questioning of its findings and said that at times the committee had been "cut to the point of rudeness".

Peter Luff, the Conservative MP who chairs the MPs' committee, said: "The committee felt COT had made a very grave error of judgment with no justification for the recommendations to the minister."

"Up to three million people think vitamin B6 helps them and unless it can be shown to do them harm, I think they should be entitled to continue buying it."

Sue Croft, director of Con-

sumers for Health Choice, said: "The report shows quite clearly that the minister was badly advised. COT is the wrong committee to examine nutrients and there is no justification whatsoever for a 10mg limit on B6."

"However, we still need to convince Jeff Rooker [the Agriculture Minister] to withdraw the draft legislation and so far he has seemed to be immune to criticism and pleas from both consumers and the scientific community."

Mr Rooker did not respond to the report's findings yesterday, though he is known to be reluctant to change his mind. The Ministry of Agriculture said it would consider the MPs' report.

Mr Rooker told the Guardian this year: "What I have received is advice—not policy proposals—from independent scientists on two committees and I intend to act."

"The responsibility of this government must be 'safety first' over food and drugs—and not to take the cavalier attitude of previous Conservative governments over issues like BSE and do nothing about it."

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Action zones to test new system in which businesses take on bigger role by offering sponsorship and partnering education authorities

# Schools to be given radical overhaul

John Carvel  
Education Editor

**M**INISTERS yesterday prepared the way for radical proposals in Labour's next election manifesto to overhaul the organisation of England's schools and give businesses a greater influence over how pupils are taught.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, announced the first 25 education action zones and said they would be "testbeds for the school system of the next century".

Although the Government is not yet sure which of the zone experiments will prove the most successful, ministers are confident they will provide Tony Blair with models for a Third Way in education, departing from the traditional structure of local authority and independent schools.

"This is the beginning of an entirely new way of delivering the education service. It is about partnership based on success rather than outdated

## Where new methods will be tested

The first 25 action zones:

Barnsley, Basildon, Birmingham (Aston and Nechells), Birmingham (Kings Green/Shard End), Blackburn with Darwen, Brighton, Croydon, Halifax, Herefordshire, Hull, North

East Lincolnshire, Lambeth, Leicester City, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, Newham, Norfolk, North Somerset, Nottingham, Plymouth, Salford and Trafford (joint bid), Sheffield, Southwark, South Tyneside, Wigan

dogma on either side," Mr Blunkett said.

The 25 zones were the winners of a contest among 60 local areas for extra funding worth £1 million per zone per year and opportunities to vary the normal school curriculum and pay and conditions of teachers. To qualify, areas had to attract business sponsorship.

Mr Blunkett said companies backing the successful zones included Blackburn Rovers, Cadbury Schweppes, Nissan, Rolls Royce, Kellogg, British Aerospace, Tate & Lyle, American Express and Britnany Ferries.

In most cases the firms are expected to play a secondary role in zone partnerships led by the local authority, but the

zone in the London borough of Lambeth is being led by Shell International and managed by private sector consultants. Education Department sources said the company's controversial activities in Nigeria were not thought to have any bearing on its role in Lambeth, where it was a leading employer.

The zones are clusters of about 20 schools in areas of social disadvantage. Twelve will start in September and another 13 in January. Mr Blunkett said there would be a fresh round of bidding for further zones early next year.

Parents who were dissatisfied with the standard of schools would be able to put in a bid to run a zone with advice from officials at the

Department for Education and Employment. There could also be bids from groups of local headteachers similar to the successful submissions from Basildon and Croydon which were awarded zone status yesterday.

Stephen Byers, the schools minister, said the zones would be "a fundamental change to the education status quo and a real threat to those vested interests which have for too long held back our school system."

David Willetts, the shadow education secretary, disputed the Government's claims to radicalism. The zones would be "left in the hands of the very local education authorities that even the Department for Education believes have failed."

All but three of the 25 zone bids were led by education authorities. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the zones offered the opportunity for a "quantum leap in education standards". If they took off nationally, they would "become the Trojan horse which could well destroy local education authorities as we know them."



David Blunkett launching the zones yesterday at the London headquarters of Shell, a leading sponsor. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

## Heads taking part will have licence to change and experiment

**T**HE 140,000 pupils in the first 25 education action zones will experience a bewildering variety of changes as head teachers, administrators and their business sponsors head off down different tracks in the search for school improvement.

Longer school days

In Birmingham's two zones there will be a 50 per cent increase in school opening hours, with the introduction of homework clubs, Saturday and holiday classes and schemes for "cross-generational learning". In Grimsby there will be a tailor-made TV channel transmitting educational programmes from the

schools into the living rooms of all their pupils. In Brighton there will be pre-school nursery provision from 8am to 6pm for 52 weeks of the year.

**Super-teachers**  
About half the zones will employ advanced skills teachers — the new grade being created by the Government to provide financial incentives for the best practitioners to stay in the classroom instead of seeking promotion into managerial jobs.

In Hereford and Middlesbrough there will be intensive support for pupils as they move from primary to secondary education. Children in Blackburn will see the curriculum extended to promote active citizenship.

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**Business sponsorship**  
When the Government invited bids for the zones in January, ministers said they wanted at least one of them to

ing standards of literacy, numeracy and IT.  
The zone regulations allow schools to vary teachers' rates of pay and conditions. The Government said 11 schools were considering this to create incentives for teachers to carry out extra duties.

**New curriculum**  
There will be experiments in modifying the national curriculum. In Brighton and Newcastle it will be adapted to prepare 14 to 16-year-olds for work.

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be business-led, sparking fears among teachers and local authority leaders that the scheme would pave the way to privatisation in the education service. Business sponsorship in the first round of zones was extensive, but fell far short of privatisation.

Most of the successful bids were managed by local education authorities. Although the zones are meant to be run by local partnership forums involving businesses, community organisations and parents, education authorities look set to remain in the driving seat in most areas.

**Private sector managers**  
One exception is the London borough of Lambeth where the council will be an equal partner with CBT, a non-profit education management company which runs inspections for Ofsted and develops schools in the Third World.

The company will appoint a project director to take charge of the day-to-day running of the zone. Neil McIntosh, the chief executive, said he hoped this would "open the door to a new range of accountable service providers".

John Carvel

## Library keen to retain free entry

Dan Gleister  
Arts Correspondent

**T**HE British Library yesterday denied it had a blueprint to introduce entry charges but said that every aspect of its operation was under review.

The comments came in the wake of speculation that the board of the British Library, whose £520 million new home will be opened by the Queen tomorrow, was going to introduce charges.

But the library, like other national institutions, such as the British Museum and other national galleries, wants to preserve the principle of free admission.

"Our position remains as it always has done on the introduction of charges for the reading rooms," said a spokeswoman for the British Library. "It has to remain on the table at all times, but the board is reluctant to introduce charges. We are realistic, and know, as every arts

organisation does, that the financial news is not necessarily going to be good news."

The British Library, which under the terms of the 1972 British Libraries Act would have the final say over the introduction of charges, suggested there could be good reasons to introduce a charge for certain activities.

Pointing out that £36.15 million of the library's total income of £116 million already comes from receipts — which include some charging for commercial functions — a

visits up 44 per cent and reader passes up 50 per cent.

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The Department of Culture said it would refuse to rule out charges until it had seen British Library proposals.

spokesman for the Department of Culture said: "Should commercial businesses and researchers and authors get this information free? How does one differentiate between a commercial user and one who is not? The use of reading rooms could be considered to be commercial."

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Olvind Ekeland from Norway and his wife Rose, from Brazil, with their daughter Kristine after their wedding on the pitch before the Brazil-Norway match. PHOTOGRAPH: JEROME DOLAY

## Bookies scent Hoddle's blood after defeat



### Diary

IT DOES not take much to go from tactical genius to wounded prey in this game. Barely hours after England's stumble against Romania the vultures have scented blood and are circling above coach Glenn Hoddle. The evidence? Bookies are taking bets on who will succeed him just half-way through his four-year contract with the FA.

lengthened from 10/1 to 14/1. Even Terry Venables gets a shout at 10/1, with Arsene Wenger and Ruud Gullit both at 33/1. But while William Hill said it was confident Hoddle would go if England failed to qualify from the group stage, he should not panic. His team are still 1/6 to make the next round.

THERE may not have been many south of the border yesterday celebrating England's misfortune, but at least the people over at ITV Sport had occasion to pop at least one champagne cork. Early viewing figures for the game, which ITV carried exclusively, put the audience at 21.6 million, maybe the third highest in history, and the figure only counts those who watched at home. With a huge number watching in pubs, estimates suggest that as many as 30 million tuned in.

IN the hours before the Battle of Bannockburn, Robert the Bruce inspired his Scots army into battle against Edward I with the spine-tingling words immortalised by Burns in

Scotts Wha Hae (OK, so Burns may have made it up). Exactly 894 years later, Scottish Secretary Donald Dewar attempted to pull off a modern version of the same feat with a good luck message to Craig Brown's squad ahead of their crucial tie with Morocco.

"Everyone in Scotland (and beyond) is very proud of the way you have represented your country at the World Cup," his handwritten note said. "With the magnificent backing of the Tartan Army I am sure you can make history — and the second round! Good luck and all the best."

SPORTS Minister Tony Banks has been getting up people's noses again — on this occasion the notoriously sensitive nasal passages of Scottish MPs. Six of them — five Lib Dem and one Scottish Nationalist — have signed a Commons early day motion berating him for "ill-judged" comments on BBC's Breakfast With Frost programme, in which he appeared to suggest that Scotland fans in France were only behaving so well to show up the English.

It was left to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to attempt to clear up the confusion, and they did so by citing Mr Banks's notoriously mischievous sense of humour. Apparently he was "actually complimenting the Scottish fans on their behaviour over the years".

TO France, and to alarming news which has reached the diary from the very heart of the French political establishment. Just two weeks into the tournament the strains are already beginning to show around Jacques and Bernadette Chirac's dinner table.

The French president's wife has complained about the lack of conversational diversity at meals. "It's soccer, soccer, soccer," Mrs Chirac said in an interview yesterday in the daily Le Parisien.

The crunch came on Sunday night when she returned from a trip abroad to find her husband wanted to watch the US-Iran game while they ate dinner. Well, at least it was a bit political.

### German thug describes attack on police officer

Denis Staum in Berlin

A SELF-CONFESSED German hooligan described yesterday how three thugs attacked a French policeman, Daniel Nive, aged 43, in Lens last Sunday, leaving him close to death.

The 17-year-old, who was not named, told the Bild newspaper: "I saw one of us break his weapon in two pieces and then smash the cop over the head with the butt. They all kicked him and beat him. They went at him like animals. Then I got out of there. Somehow I felt sorry for the guy."

There were 50 of us, the hard core, marching through the city centre, shouting 'We are Germans. We're scared of nothing. Let's get the cops'.

"Anybody who wasn't German got thumped. There were three cops by themselves. 'Police plus, we'll get you all,' we shouted. The police yelled back... then they got scared. Two ran away. The third... we grabbed him."

One of two Germans held by French police in connection with the attack was identified yesterday as Markus Warnke, aged 27, from Hannover. He is known as a violent hooligan but is not believed to be a member of the far right.

German investigators said yesterday that they had discovered a neo-Nazi Internet website which called on hooligans to create as much trouble as possible in France.

According to Günter A. Pilz, a sociologist at Hannover university who studies violence and football, the scenes in Lens on Sunday revealed a new kind of hooligan. "They were neither disappointed football fans nor were they drunk like the English. They... belonged to a group that has caused us ever greater worries in the past two or three years — the extreme right," he said.

## Tennis star serves up 'girl power'

Sarah Hall  
SHE had been touted as Wimbledon's answer to girl power. A feisty black teenager from the tough side of Los Angeles. A 6ft 11in Cinderella from the ghetto — with beaded hair and attitude.

And yesterday, as Venus Williams responded to the barrage of publicity after her first victory at Wimbledon, she lived up to the hype.

Fresh from the speedy 6-3 6-3 win over Canada's Jana Novotna, she called for women to get the same pay

as men in Grand Slam tournaments. And she rallied her sisters to arms.

Referring to the disparity between the \$435,000 men's prize and the \$391,500 women's, the number seven seed said: "On the Grand Slams I think there should be equal pay, and I think the ladies should do something about it, instead of just playing and feeling comfortable and relaxed with it and just accepting it for years to come."

The world No 6 player — who will bear much of the brunt of media excitement following Monday's departures of the highly photogenic Anna Kournikova and Mary Pierce, said the higher profile of women tennis players this year was good for the sport. But she attributed this not to looks but to personality.

In a riposte which would have done the Spice Girls proud, she said: "I think that there's a lot of personalities on the ladies' tour at this moment in time. I think we always do what we're going to do. This outspokenness had given the women 'a little more attention than we deserve'."

Williams, who blazed into the public eye by reaching the final of the US Open at her first attempt last year — was equally dismissive of criticism that women players were just preoccupied with their looks.

At the bottom of Havannah Lane, which leaves the main road at a point where Claire would normally have climbed over a gate to take a short-cut through woods and across fields.

The area was sealed off and specialist teams were called in to recover the body and conduct a search on both banks of the river. Divers, mountain rescue teams, and dog handlers had joined in the search as its radius extended from its original two-mile limit.

Until the discovery of the body the only clue in the search for Claire was the finding of her Marks & Spencer coat on the river bank on Sunday.

On Monday Craig Smith, aged 19, of no fixed address, was remanded in custody by magistrates in Macclesfield after being charged with abducting Claire.

Neighbours said Claire used to be a member of the local Brownies and was often seen around the village, which has fewer than 800 residents, playing on roller blades or in ball games with other children. They said she and her sister, Michelle, 11, were both adopted and moved to the village four years ago.

A near neighbour and Eaton parish councillor, Roy Walther, described Claire as "a lovely, cheerful girl."



Venus Williams: 'There should be equal pay'

## Missing schoolgirl's body found in river

David Ward

THE body of a 13-year-old Cheshire schoolgirl who disappeared six days ago was found yesterday in a river close to her usual route to school.

Claire Hart had been missing since Thursday, after setting off to walk two miles from her home in the village of Eaton to the Dane Valley school in Congleton.

A witness spotted her talking to a young man with an air rifle over his shoulder.

Police said the body was found some distance from a weir in the shallow waters of the river Dane.

Her adoptive parents, Robin Hart, a landscape gardener, and Katherine, and sister Michelle, 11, were said to be "very distraught". The body was taken to a hospital in Macclesfield for a post mortem. The results will be released later, police said.

The body was found by a police search team while moving along the river bank



Claire Hart... Cheshire schoolgirl found dead

## Authority apologises for 'anguish' of abuse

Amelia Gentleman

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE county council has apologised for the first time for the "pain and anguish" caused to adults with learning disabilities by its failure to close down two private nursing homes where vulnerable residents endured a regime of systematic abuse.

The apology came in response to the damning conclusions of an independent inquiry published yesterday, which detailed the "serious mistakes" the council made in its handling of the crisis. Ninety-five recommendations, designed to prevent similar cases of abuse going unchecked, were listed.

The inquiry into why the council did not shut down Longcare Limited's two residential homes for adults with learning disabilities, was launched by the health minister, Paul Boateng, last year after details of a 10-year period of abuse at Stoke Place Mansion, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire came to light.

Last year, a former director and two members of staff were convicted for wilful neglect and ill treatment of residents at the homes.

The report concluded that the council's inspection unit had made "serious mistakes" in the way it responded to complaints between 1993 and 1994, and that the "abusive regimes at Longcare should have been exposed and ended earlier".

Inspectors had neglected to make proper records of complaints and failed to investigate serious allegations. The unit had failed to seek help from the health authority, police or other experts.

The Longcare case of 1994 revealed that Gordon Rowe, who ran the homes, had been allowed to preside over a regime of sexual and physical abuse for a decade, even though the authorities had been warned that he had a history of cruel behaviour.

A jury heard that Rowe, his wife and two colleagues ran the homes like army camps, where vulnerable adults were slapped, beaten, dragged by the hair, forced to work in gangs outdoors and denied lavatory paper, toothpaste and soap.

Rowe, who killed himself before he could be charged, was also the subject of a 19-month police inquiry into allegations of physical and sexual abuse at the homes. He would have been charged with a number of counts of rape, indecent assault and ill-treatment, the former superintendent of Thames Valley police leading the investigation, said at the time.

John Beckerlag, the council's director of corporate services, said yesterday: "We recognise the pain and anguish felt by vulnerable people who were abused and very much regret that this has happened. We accept that mistakes were made by the county council's inspection unit. We are deeply sorry for this and apologise to the residents and their families."

The inquiry conceded that the council had recently improved its procedure. "We cannot guarantee there will never be another case of abuse. What we can say is that our inspection unit is now equipped to act effectively," a council spokesman said.

The council announced yesterday that the county's director of social services since 1991, Jean Jeffrey, had decided on Monday to take early retirement.

Among its recommendations, the report said good communication and co-ordination between social services and other agencies was crucial. If similar instances of abuse were to be avoided, it said staff, relatives and residents should all be encouraged to complain.

The report also recommended that a criminal offence be created, increasing punishment to a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment for anyone barning a vulnerable adult. This would be the equivalent of the penalty for child neglect.

## Police 'given Lawrence inquiry script'

Rusdith Nicol

THE family of the murdered black teenager Stephen Lawrence yesterday accused the Metropolitan police of coaching officers in what evidence to give the inquiry into his death.

The attack comes after a leaked document, entitled "Possible questions you might be asked", fell into the hands of the family's lawyers. Sergeant Peter Solley, a race liaison officer who gave evidence yesterday, claimed he had written the document as a memory aid to himself.

But the document is written in the third person, giving the impression that it came from another source. Questions and answers on possible areas of interrogation are colour-coded red or green, depending on whether information is dangerous or "can be used as it stands or expanded on".

The document advises the officer: "Try not to contradict yourself."

The Lawrence family campaign said in a statement: "It has become increasingly clear during the course of this inquiry that a culture of protectionism pervades the Metropolitan police."

"Today's extraordinary events suggest that the process is systematic and thorough. The stage management of the police response seems to have reached the point where a police witness was shown to be working to a prepared script."

One question in the eight-page document asks if officers in the area where Stephen was killed by racists in April 1993 had been briefed on local race issues. The document says the officer should: "Give an honest reply. First ask for clarification of this question as it may be a tricky one."

Another question asks when the sergeant first became aware of family liaison officers being appointed to the murder inquiry team and whether the relationship with the family broke down before or after their arrival.

"BE CAREFUL HOW YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION. IT CAN BE A TRICKY ONE!" the document advises.

Stephen Kamlish, counsel for the Lawrence family, asked Sgt Solley why the document had been written in the third person if it was just an aide-memoire. "Why doesn't it say 'I'?" he asked.

Sgt Solley said that just happened to be the way he wrote it. "I had it clear in my mind the issues that were raised and the quality of reply needed."

Outside the inquiry, a Metropolitan police spokeswoman said the document did not prove there was a systematic attempt to co-ordinate officers' evidence. "There has been absolutely no coaching of officers by the Metropolitan police."

Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen Lawrence, expressed their "outrage and disappointment" at a letter Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan arm of the Police Federation, wrote to the Police Review complaining that the inquiry was unfairly portraying the police as racist and incompetent.

They said the remarks showed that the apology they received from the force last week was not endorsed by most officers. "It shows that the police do not really care about what has come out of the inquiry so far and are not prepared to change," they said in a statement.

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## Widow weeps over fatal crash

David Beresford  
in Johannesburg

**N**ELSON Mandela's companion Graca Machel wept in front of South Africa's truth commission yesterday as she told how her husband, President Samora Machel of Mozambique, died in a suspicious air crash on South African territory.

The hearing was held behind closed doors, but Mrs Machel is believed to have told the commission that her husband had told her shortly before the crash in 1986 that he feared he was about to be assassinated.

She is believed to have expressed shock that parts of the aircraft were sold or given away as souvenirs. The tail, complete with the Mozambique coat of arms, ended up in a South African pub.

The cause of the crash has been hotly debated and conspiracy theories floated — including a claim in the Mozambique press that the president survived the crash only to be injected with poison by a mysterious doctor.

The central question is why the Tupolev-134 made a fatal turn on its approach to Maputo which carried it into a South African hillside.

The most popular theory among those who believe that the flight was sabotaged by South Africa is that a false radio beacon lured the aircraft on to its fatal bearing.

But there was an undisputed series of pilot errors, including the crew's failure to react to a ground-proximity alarm, which could not have been planned by saboteurs.

The commission is believed to have been given evidence suggesting that a false beacon was used, but the evidence was unintended: the intention was to bring the aircraft over South African territory where a special forces unit waited to shoot it down.

The motive was thought to be intelligence that President Machel planned to attack Malawi because its then leader, the late Hastings Banda, had allowed the Mozambique rebel movement Renamo to establish bases on its territory.



Graca Machel at the truth commission yesterday



Cyclists in the crowded streets of developing countries, like these in Varanasi, India, are most at risk from accidents with motor vehicles, which cost 500,000 lives and 15 million injuries a year, says the Red Cross's new report on World Disasters.

## Road accidents set to be world's biggest killer

Paul Brown  
Environment Correspondent

**R**OAD crashes, which already claim 500,000 lives a year and cause 15 million injuries, will overtake tuberculosis, war and HIV as one of the world's biggest killers by 2020, says the Red Cross.

The extraordinary increase in death on roads crowded with pedestrians and animals is documented in its World Disasters Report.

In developed countries, road safety campaigns, driver training, better vehicle care, seat belt legislation and traffic management measures have been reducing crash deaths for 30 years, despite rising vehicle numbers.

But the opposite has happened in the developing world where 70 per cent of road deaths now occur, even though it has far fewer vehicles. Most of the victims are pedestrians and cyclists who have never been in a car.

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for men and the fifth most fre-

quent for women in the 15-44 age band. Children under 15 account for 15 per cent of traffic fatalities in developing countries compared with 6 per cent in the developed.

Even in rich countries the poor are the more likely to die in accidents. For example, far more residents of Edinburgh's poorest areas, where 70 per cent have no car, are likely to be injured or killed than in the richest neighbour-

hoods, where almost nine out of 10 families have a car.

Only clinical depression and heart disease will kill more people than traffic accidents in 20 years, the report says. Ethiopia has by far the worst record: 175 road deaths for every 10,000 licensed vehicles, compared with the second country, Nepal, with 80. By comparison Australia and Japan have two deaths per 10,000 vehicles.

The report argues that the economic cost of road deaths places a severe and needless strain on national resources.

Crashes already cost underdeveloped countries as much as the aid they receive. The average costs of accidents in most countries is now at least one per cent of the gross domestic product.

Traffic accidents damage progress by killing the eco-

nomically active, seek out the most vulnerable, and are forecast to do more harm through death and disability than many of the health threats currently given greater priority for assistance.

The Red Cross suggests as a first step that national road safety councils are established in each country to examine the problem.

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### Aid focus shifting from country to shanty towns

**OTHER** main points from the World Disaster Report

□ The focus of disaster relief will shift over the next few years from vast rural areas like the Sudan to the developing world's ever-growing number of overcrowded shanty towns.

Poor people crammed into high-risk places are increasingly vulnerable to diseases, earthquakes and floods.

□ Effective and accountable government is the best way of reducing the death

toll from natural and man-made disasters in big cities.

□ When disaster strikes the rich, who need help least, often get it first. The response to the 1997 Acapulco hurricane concentrated on the tourist area, rather than on the workers' hillside settlements, ravaged by floods and mudslides.

□ After the physical damage is repaired, long-term psychological damage remains. Looking after the mental health of victims and dealing with feelings of

grief and loss is a new field for the Red Cross.

□ In Cali, Colombia, local disaster mitigation workers have been trained to work with people in illegal settlements to map hazardous areas and limit further building in them.

□ Rapidly developed settlements need instant engineering skills and resourcefulness. Lugufu, a Congolese refugee camp, which appeared overnight needed water for a population of 35,000 people. It was pumped

500ft up a cliff from a river, chlorinated, then piped nearly a mile to the camp to provide a ration of 30 litres a person a day. Even so 16,000 cases of cholera were reported in September 1997.

□ For cash-strapped aid agencies, whose income has fallen 17 per cent from its peak in 1992, the urban poor at least offer value for money. Since they are living at high density, usually on the edge of a big city, more can be helped for less money than in rural communities.

### News in brief

## Italian deputies back Nato enlargement

**HEEDING** a last-minute appeal from the prime minister, Romano Prodi, Italian deputies put aside their differences yesterday and endorsed Nato's eastward expansion, sparing the government an embarrassing defeat.

All three articles of the ratification bill were passed by a wide margin, after the conservative opposition led by the media mogul Silvio Berlusconi abstained. The final vote on the entire package was expected to be carried by a similar margin. A small centre party backed the ratification of Nato's three newest members after meeting Mr Prodi.

The senate has already approved the ratification, which is required from all 16 Nato members and the three new countries for enlargement to take effect. — AP, Rome.

## German agent charged

**A** GERMAN security agent who was arrested in April for attempting to spy on the Church of Scientology in Switzerland has been formally charged, the Basle state prosecutor's office said yesterday. The agent, who was not identified, is charged with carrying out "illegal business for a foreign state", working for a political information service and falsifying identification documents.

The agent — employed by the Baden-Württemberg branch of Germany's domestic security agency, the Office for the Protection of the Constitution — was arrested as he was leaving a restaurant in Basle where he met two Swiss women, one of whom was also charged yesterday.

The other woman, the Socialist MP Susanne Haller, alerted the police to the meeting and is not under investigation. — AP, Basle.

## Moscow clean-up bill rises

**THE** estimated cost of cleaning up after a freak storm in Moscow at the weekend increased 10-fold to \$200 million, city officials said. The death toll was lowered from nine to eight.

Up to 80,000 trees and 422 billboards were destroyed in the storm on Saturday night, according to Boris Nikolayev, an aide to Moscow's mayor, Yuri Luzhkov. He said 60 miles of power lines were brought down. — AP, Moscow.

## Hutu bus attack kills 18

**HUTU** rebels killed 18 people and wounded 40 in an attack on a bus in western Rwanda, the independent Rwanda News Agency said yesterday. The bus, packed with nearly 100 passengers, was attacked on Monday afternoon in Nyange, 70 miles west of the capital Kigali. State-run Radio Rwanda said three children were believed to be among the dead and at least four children were wounded.

In March last year Hutu rebels killed four students in Nyange and wounded 17 when they refused to separate according to whether they were Tutsi or Hutu. — AP, Nairobi.

## Dockers support peace deal

**DOCK** workers in Melbourne voted yesterday in favour of a peace deal that may end a protracted battle for control of Australia's waterfront. At a five-hour meeting, about 400 dock workers voted to accept a framework agreement reached between the country's maritime union and Patrick Stevedores Holdings.

Talks began after the federal court ruled in April that Patrick must rehire 1,400 unionised workers it had fired in an attempt to break union control of hiring on the waterfront. The firings triggered violent confrontations at the country's docks and a national strike.

The union said the new agreement would cost about 400 members' jobs. — AP, Melbourne.

## Long haul for pilots

**MORE** airline pilots are falling asleep on the job because of improved cockpit technology and increased demand for flights, according to a Nasa study. Pilots' endurance long flights at cruising altitudes when little was required of them, said David Neri, who led the project. — AP, San Francisco.

## Footprints make tracks

**THE** oldest set of human footprints known have been removed from their site in South Africa and flown by helicopter to a conservation workshop, because visitors put their survival at risk.

The 117,000-year-old tiny female prints, dubbed "Eve's Footprints", lay undiscovered on the shores of Langebaan Lagoon about 75 miles north of Cape Town, until 1995.

Since their discovery visitors have scratched their names near the prints and placed their feet in them. Set in crumbly sandstone, they are also vulnerable to erosion.

"If human beings don't get the footprints, nature will," said geologist Dave Roberts who discovered them.

After a brief stop at an engineering workshop for more conservation work, the prints will be moved to the South African Museum in Cape Town later this week. — AP, Langebaan.

## Disaster feared in Bissau exodus

**Alex Duval Smith, the first Western journalist into Casamance in Senegal, finds that refugees fleeing one civil war are stumbling into another**

**A** QUARTER of a million West Africans fleeing on foot from fighting in Guinea-Bissau without food or water are heading north into another civil war where they face landmines, hostile Senegalese troops and swamps.

As this human emergency advances on Casamance, the region of Senegal where a 16-year independence conflict has turned into a guerrilla war — international aid agencies are unable to intervene.

Sixteen days after a rebellion in one of Africa's smallest countries, the Guinea-Bissau refugees have been forced by the rainy season to flee towards Casamance.

They are now caught just inside their own country, between shelling in the south and landmines in the north.

An envoy of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Casamance's capital, Ziguinchor, puts their number at up to 300,000 — a figure based on the population of their capital, Bissau, which is now virtually empty.

Signs of the unfolding emergency can be seen on the Senegalese border close to Guinea-Bissau.

Youtou, a village of 800 people near the border, can only be reached by a three-hour canoe ride through mangroves and rice paddies, thanks to landmines laid by Casamance rebels.

In common with most people here, Alpha Diédou has relatives in Guinea-Bissau and, at this time of year,

they would normally be planting rice together in paddies.

"We hear the landmines going off just a few hundred metres away. Of course, we do not know if they are being activated by animals or people, because the mines mean we cannot leave the village any more," said Mr Diédou.

"Every night the drummer in Suzana, where our brothers live just across the border, plays so we know he is OK."

Curfew in Youtou, which does not have electricity generators, is made up of darkness and bush sounds — crickets and hyenas. But the third of cannons from Bissau and occasional flashes of light provide reminders that thousands of "brothers" are stranded there.

The Senegalese army is here: jittery soldiers with automatic weapons crouched in bunkers and behind sandbags and ready to fire at the slightest sound, even a ripe mango falling from a tree.

The garrison was posted here last year, officially to protect Youtou from the Casamance rebels — jungle fighters who are said to fund themselves through extortion and growing cannabis.

Allegations by Guinea-Bissau's government that its military chiefs were selling weapons and landmines to the Casamance rebels sparked the rebellion in Bissau on June 7.

President Abdou Diouf of Senegal immediately sent 1,300 troops — since then reinforced — to quell the

rebellion led by Ansumane Mane against President Joao Bernardo "Nino" Vieira. He may also have hoped to disrupt Casamance rebel bases in Guinea-Bissau.

Casamance, known as the breadbasket of Senegal, was given to France by Portugal after the Congress of Berlin in 1888.

The highly fertile area, where Club Méditerranée has a luxury development, is isolated from the rest of Senegal by Gambia.

Although both the Senegalese government and the Casamance rebels claim the 16-year conflict is centred on the rights of the Diola tribe, they are only one of many ethnic groups in the region.

The rebels began their fight in 1982 over the rights to oil

exploration. In the event, only small amounts of oil were found.

When he ordered troops into Guinea-Bissau, Mr Diouf said that the operation would last just 48 hours. But more than two weeks later it is continuing, amid reports that most if not all of the former Portuguese colony's army is fighting with Mr Mane's forces and that Casamance rebels are providing support.

It is clear where Youtou's elderly chief, Souley Data, stands. He wears a white cap marked "vive Diouf" and does not want any refugees in his village. He greets visitors with the customary "kasumai, kasumai keep" (peace, nothing but peace).

He said: "The Senegalese soldiers will not let the refugees in. They are Casamance rebels pretending to be refugees. The rebels burnt down our village in 1995 because we would not support them, so there is no way they are coming back."

Amnesty International has tried for to raise awareness of the Casamance conflict. An Amnesty report earlier this year denounced widespread torture tactics by the Senegalese army and intimidation by the rebels.

It said that both the military and the Mouvement des Forces Démocratiques de Casamance (MFDC) had opted to "terrorise the civilian population" after failing to find a military solution.

Youtou is one of hundreds of villages which have been attacked, burnt or, more recently, circled with landmines, by rebels apparently extorting money. Last month, in advance of the Senegalese elections, supporters of Mr Diouf's Socialist Party were

attacked and others threatened to stop them voting.

According to Amnesty, the Senegalese army has tortured hundreds of men, women and even children, using such means as setting fire to their genitals, electric shocks, burning plastic or cigarettes on their bodies, or forcing them to ingest petrol and other foul-smelling liquids and faeces. The report listed 52 people known to have "disappeared" in the five years leading up to last September.

The Casamance conflict has worsened since November when landmines, apparently planted by the rebels and sold to be available from dealers here for around 50p each, began exploding. At least 90 people have died in Casamance — 12 of them in Youtou — since last November.

There is, as yet, no evidence that the Senegalese army is turning back Guinea-Bissau refugees reaching Casamance. But neither has the UNHCR managed to set up a humanitarian corridor.

After 3,000 foreigners left Bissau by ship at the start of the conflict, only 800 Guinea-Bissauans were evacuated by the same means to Senegal's capital, Dakar. The rest, in a country of some 3 million, have taken to the roads on foot. About 200 refugees have made it into Casamance.

According to an aid worker for the Portuguese charity, Assistência Médica Internacional, who got into Guinea-Bissau from eastern Casamance last week, thousands of refugees have congregated in Bafata, Mansoa, Bissora and San Domingos.

But in the absence of an international effort, there is no infrastructure to keep them alive.



A Guinea-Bissau refugee carries his sister into Senegal after walking miles from their village. Around 300,000 people are escaping fighting which followed an army rebellion in the former Portuguese colony

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# Clinton woos China

Will it suffer Asia's woes?

BILL CLINTON leaves for China today only two years after the US and China came close to conflict during the Taiwan Straits crisis: now he is close to embracing President Jiang Zemin. Relations between the two countries have veered between extremes of friendship and enmity, for reasons which are emotional as well as geopolitical, they are inextricably linked. As Mao Zedong once said: "There is no such thing as America not being involved with China."

Mao was seeking then to entice the US, once war with Japan ended, to abandon Chiang Kai-shek in favour of what would become the winning side in the Chinese civil war. How different the history of postwar Asia — and of China most of all — might have been if Mao's offer to visit Washington had been accepted. The door swung shut and was locked by the Korean War with some malign assistance from Moscow. It was not reopened until Richard Nixon stood on the Great Wall in 1972. But subsequent presidential visits lacked his simple aim. The anti-Soviet card, played first by Beijing and then by Washington, created more division than unity.

Many Chinese leaders continued to be wary of US "hegemony"; many Americans still regarded Japan as a more dependable force in the Far East. A new effort might have been made in the early 1990s but for the tragedy of Tiananmen Square. Even so, there was always a feeling in Washington — long before Mr Clinton declared his doctrine

of constructive engagement — that China should not be cast into darkness again. The two presidents have now defined a new and more ample purpose: to build a "constructive and strategic partnership" between the two countries for the 21st century. Both sides perceive a community of interest between the world's most powerful country and the world's most populous one. Mr Clinton has avoided using the "partnership" phrase since he endorsed it when Mr Jiang visited Washington last October (the Chinese leader uses it all the time). Increasingly on the defensive against his critics, he prefers to talk of "working with China" to achieve aims defined as in the US interest. Yet the visit is not going to produce agreements on matters of substance like security or non-proliferation or Taiwan or trade: it is a step towards a future framework.

On most of the contentious issues, the bargains are unlikely to be available. The US is not going to give China more assurances on Taiwan as long as China cannot "renounce the use of force". China will not secure a "no-first-use" pledge on nuclear weapons from the US — so it will not agree formally to denuclearising. The US will not lift remaining Tiananmen sanctions unless China makes a demonstrative gesture on human rights. If these matters were easy to resolve, they would not still be there.

Mr Jiang's critics are less vocal although there is still muttering within the Party about US encouragement for its "peaceful evolution". Yet the force of this objection is weakened because Chinese politics are beginning to evolve and because Mr Clinton has moved human rights so far down the agenda. It does not really matter what he says on the subject while in Beijing. Having declared that freedom will follow the integration of China into the world community, he need not strive for it to happen before.

The vision of a US-China partnership, especially in an economic sense, goes back over the past century. Other Western countries sought spheres of influence, the US pressed for an "open door". Mr Clinton speaks fervently of China's growth and he is going there to open the door even wider. The lurking threat to this vision is neither the economic crisis in the region from which China may not be immune.

## Campbell speaks

Play that megaphone loud, Al

CONVENTION says public officials paid for by taxpayers do not behave as partisans — that is why auditors investigate municipal officials to public acclaim. Yet the higher up the chain, the more the convention lives a double life. Whitehall knowingly provides intellectual ammunition to ministers to do down opponents. As for PR, ever since that potent mixer of innovation and rule-breaking, David Lloyd-George, appointed the first press officer, these odd birds have hopped back and forth across the boundary.

The previous cabinet secretary considered it no shame to defend the gruff Sir Bernard Ingham rubbing left and right (though mainly left), as only doing his job as a megaphone for his prime minister. Has New Labour either challenged or broken the conventional understanding? Not on yesterday's evidence. Alastair Campbell's appearance before the Public Administration Committee affirmed it, in all its ambiguities. It's "a grey area", says the current Cabinet Secretary. When indeed does defence (legitimate) become attack (illegitimate), as Mr Campbell's contract of employment says? The workaday answer is that for the Prime

Minister's press secretary, the government is the occupant of Number Ten not those ministers who weekly attend brief meetings there. His adherence to the convention is attested by the way he lays into the PM's fellow Cabinet ministers. This was also the Ingham way.

The point of yesterday's hearings was the fleshly Alastair Campbell, answering for himself, justifiably proud if unnecessarily arrogant, a personal spokesman whose credibility rests on the conviction with which he plays ventriloquist's dummy. It may not be an attractive role, but it can be done more or less honestly. That must depend on transparency. If Mr Campbell does the job in which he was priding himself, why do we need the petty deceptions of "Lobby terms"? Full visibility of the kind promised by, say, televising prime ministerial press conferences is never going to be realised, as long as journalists and their media compete for disclosures. Competition is no excuse for the willingness of reporters to pay the price of anonymity to merchants of information (Mr Campbell has rivals) who use it in spite and self-interest.

## Hidden treasure

The British Library must be free

TOMORROW, half a century after its conception and after a near-fivefold escalation of costs, the British Library will officially be opened by the Queen against the predictable descendant of a row over admission charges. Brian Lang, chief executive of the BL, has stated that the £520 million new building (it works out at £45 per book) cannot be run on the annual grant it receives following the Government's decision to cut it by £6.4 million to £85 million. He says that "some-

thing has to give". The library itself is now a success. The numbers visiting have increased by 44 per cent with high reader satisfaction. The public is even warming to the much-criticised building, the foreboding exterior of which melts into a welcoming, airy, atrium behind whose tiered levels peeps George III's magnificent library.

The library is busily working out ways to open up its unique treasure house not only to the public (who can now wander in to view treasures ranging from the Lindisfarne Gospels to Shakespeare's first folios or originals of Beatles' songs) but also to the wider world through the Internet. A whole new industry could spring up to market the contents (digitised or merely copied) of the written and aural archives of one of the world's best-endowed libraries.

Commercialisation (to recoup the necessary costs of digitisation) is one thing, but charging the public admission to the reading rooms is another. It is not quite the same problem as, say, admission charges to the Tate because the BL has more elitist clients. But the principle of universal and free access remains. Nearly all of the books and newspapers in the collection were given free to the BL, which was itself built with taxpayers' money. The library should clearly be run with maximum efficiency and there may be more economies to be made — but to cut back on its grant when the Government has a budget surplus is a false economy. We are in an age when information is supposed to be at the heart of competitive advantage. Having had free access for 250 years, it is strange to charge just when there is acceptance that knowledge is the key to economic success. The Government should ensure that the BL's hidden bounty is opened up to the maximum number of people — including schools and remote researchers — at the least cost.

## Letters to the Editor

### Millennia and megalomania

PROGRAMMERS dealing with the millennium computer bug seem to think it could lead to social breakdown with banks, transport, food supplies, emergency services and payroll systems all severely disrupted. It doesn't seem likely that people will be able or in the mood to enjoy the Dome (Tablet of stone for the Topping out of Dome, June 23). It might be better for it to be used as a giant crisis control centre and food kitchen. Nicholas Albery, Chairman, Institute for Social Inventions, London.

IF TONY Blair wants the Dome to stay up long after the millennium maybe he should seek sponsorship from the makers of Viagra. Peter Barnes, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

TONY Blair is a raving megalomaniac (Letters, June 23, surely not? He is a smooth, persuasive and all too plausible megalomaniac, and therein lies the danger. Ron Graves, Birkenhead, Wirral.

BETTER a megalomaniac who has to face the electorate every few years than one who is merely the possible descendant of a megalomaniac who lived centuries ago. Brian Moss, Tamworth, Staffs.

RUMBLING by Romania, crowned at cricket and roared at rugby, is it time for our sponsored sporting super-seconds to be subjected to a National Winnable Wage and performance-related pay? Patrick Browne, Lincoln.

HURRAH for Robin Cook and his ethical policy of cutting Trident missiles in half (Report, June 19). What's that? By half, you say? Oh dear, and I was so impressed. Philip Lloyd Lewis, Bournemouth.

### Who's to blame in Bristol?

IT IS naive of Prof Christopher Meigs (Letters, June 22) to question why nurses did not blow the whistle on misconduct at Bristol, without considering other factors. Too often, the relatively powerless are castigated for failing to challenge the powerful.

The anaesthetist who queried the Bristol surgeons was ostracised. High-profile nurse whistleblowers, such as Graham Pink, have not been supported by nursing's professional bodies, and nursing shop stewards have been victimised. In the NHS there is a hierarchical concentration of power. The Bristol debacle was a failure of medical arrogance, malice of sexual weakness, and things go wrong. When things go wrong, nurses are excluded from the status and earnings of the power-brokers. It is ironic that a professor of nursing should ask for a fair share of the come-uppance when things go wrong.

Mick McKewen, Dave Mercer, Department of Nursing, University of Liverpool.

DAVID Dollard (Letters, June 22) errs in asserting that there is no code of conduct covering health service managers. In 1994 the Institute of Health Service Management produced the Statement of Primary Values, which required managers to "respect the professional standards to which colleagues owe allegiance", "to promote a climate in which patients, colleagues and the public can register concerns and where discussion is encouraged and valued" and "take personal responsibility for their actions and omissions."

Sadly, the code lacks any injunction to put the interests of patients first, and there is, as Mr Dollard states, no disciplinary body covering breaches of its provisions to which complaints can be addressed. Dr R F Heyes, Halifax.

THE situation at the Bristol Royal Infirmary has arisen because of a completely false concept — that of self-regulation. This bogus idea works for wrongdoers at every level of society. In all inquiries into professional, legal, corporate, financial or other malpractice, it should be a principle (possibly backed by law) that the group under investigation should only be present at the inquiry as a minority — normally in an advisory capacity. Most inquiry members should consist of commonsense citizens from entirely independent walks of life. Dr P R Rowland, London.

IN an interview on local television a retired manager from the Bristol Royal Infirmary reported her experience of the relentless pressure on the hospital from the Department of Health to take on more and more work. We must ensure that the proposed inquiry into events at the hospital will be independent of the Secretary of State and will include a full scrutiny of any part taken by his department in these tragic events. R Lewis, Bristol.

A YOUNG white English girl is convicted of the manslaughter of a child in her care. She is fettered by the media and public and returns home a heroine. A middle-aged, male, Asian doctor saves the lives of half of the children placed in his care. He is vilified by media and public and even physically attacked. Dr Stephen Grant, Bristol.



### Young entrepreneurs out in cold

LARRY Elliott's focus on business start-ups (Bright sparks turned off, June 16) failed to deliver on its sub-heading: "How capital can be found to back Britain's entrepreneurial young."

This is no surprise as there has been a void in business start-up support since the demise of the Enterprise Allowance Scheme (EAS) in 1995. The situation is very serious in London where about 15 per cent of the workforce is self-employed — one of the highest rates in Britain. When EAS folded, London's seven Training and Enterprise Councils

### Vote gives right to be gay at 16 but not to be an adult

LOWERING the age of consent to gay sex is logical and fair (MP's back gay sex at 16, June 23), but increases complications about when children become adults. The Children Act 1989 says 18 daily practice says 16. The Department for Education and Employment says the last Friday in June after the 16th birthday.

A child turning 16 on or after September 1 has many "adult" rights immediately, but still up to nine months of compulsory education. If you cannot legally leave school or get a job, it seems odd that you can make other life-changing decisions, including where and with whom you live.

We need one point of transition which covers voting, working and everything else that goes with adulthood. Ben Whitney, Stafford.

IN calling for the age of consent to be lowered to 14, Tat chell and his mob demon-

strate a complete lack of concern about the sexual exploitation of children. Many men find it easy to gain sexual access to children already. Reducing the age of consent would be an abusers' charter. Julie Blundell, Leeds Metropolitan University.

AN overwhelming parliamentary vote for an equal age of consent has removed the legal barrier to progress towards full equality. Now we can start to make educational and attitudinal advances, providing appropriate health education and information about HIV for young people, for example. And we can move on to tackle other disadvantages still faced by lesbians and gay men, and by people affected by HIV, such as Section 28, and employment and disability practices. John Nicholson, Director, George House Trust, Manchester.

### Glory, glory days with the lads

JUST because Julie Burchill (Weekend, June 20) does not appear to understand the attractive qualities of football, does not mean that all women share her unfortunate ignorance, and it certainly does not imply that women who share a common interest with men are simply dying to jump into their trousers.

As a youth, I spent six fine summers playing football with the lads. My pre-pubescent ignorance of sexuality should only prove that men and women could share numerous interests if only the sexually obsessed society did not taint our views of each other. Sarah Marusek, London.

IT IS quite difficult to decide which is more annoying. Men who think I know nothing about football because I am a woman; or women who think I only like football to find favour with men.

I spend £600 on a season ticket and about the same on away games because I am inexplicably and irrationally in love with Leicester City FC. Sophie Brookes, Birmingham.

### Unesco plea

IT IS a year since Britain re-entered Unesco. Unesco has the widest brief of all UN agencies. It is concerned with development, education, science, communications, the environment, anti-racism, human rights, the social sciences, culture and the arts, population, literacy, and so on.

As a result, all its member states are expected to establish a national commission, funded by government but not managed by it, composed of experts in all the above fields to provide specialist advice to Unesco and other members, and to maintain links inward

### Education?

We have heard, and hope the rumour is unfounded, that there is some hesitation in governmental quarters about the need for a commission. On grounds of economy, of course. This would be like agreeing to rejoin a motoring club, but adding you can't afford to install an engine. We need the commission soon; work for it is mounting. Richard Eggart, For the Unesco Forum, Farnham, Surrey.

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## Morse code

**Mark Steel**

DEVOTED to television cop shows would imagine that it's almost impossible to get away with murder. Eventually a detective would notice something out of place, and somehow deduce that you couldn't possibly have been at the cinema on the night you

said you were there. Which is why the real-life murder of black teenager Stephen Lawrence wouldn't make a very good episode of Inspector Morse. It would have to start with 11 members of the public telling the police who the killers were — just hours after. One would say: "Those involved in last night's stabbing were: Neil Accourt, David Norris, Jamie Accourt, Gary Dobson. They were definitely involved and must be stopped." Then the person accompanying the victim at the time would tell police the direction in which the killers ran off, and give detailed descriptions of them. At that point Morse would grince. "I don't know, Lewis. We just can't seem to get a lead on this case."

Then the companion and key witness would explain how the killers were yelling, "Nigger", and, within minutes

of the attack, a car drove past the scene occupied by jeering lads, two of whom had been convicted of stabbing another black lad, Roland Adams, two years earlier. Then Lewis would say: "And there's not a single clue as to what the motive might be, Morse."

The public inquiry into the Lawrence murder has revealed that police continued to reject claims that the attack was racist, although they had seen a secretly recorded film in which Neil Accourt, Norris and Dobson shout out the tortures they would like to inflict on black people.

You can't help thinking that if South London police had turned up to a lynching in Alabama, with a cross still burning and KKK scrawled over nearby walls, they'd say, "There is no reason to believe that this attack was more than a routine burglary."

On and on flood the examples of uselessness. The surveillance team had one mobile phone between them. Is this to save money? Will it soon be the norm for police arriving at a murder scene in the morning to say, "Well, we're not reporting it until the afternoon. It's peak rate until one o'clock you know."

Duwayne Brooks, Lawrence's friend who was with him at the time of the murder, was described by police as "awkward", "surly", "uncontrollable", "unco-operative" and "anti-police". Maybe by "anti-police" they mean he directed them to the killers, when they had been hoping that he would encourage their normal routine by directing them to a group of unemployed builders 60 miles away who had nothing to do with it.

Throughout their ordeal, the Lawrence family has behaved with great pride and dignity. Yet it has emerged that, six months after the murder, David Oland, the then deputy commissioner of South East London police, wrote to police chief Paul Condon that "our patience is wearing thin with the Lawrence family."

He also advised officers to consider legal action against Neville Lawrence, Stephen's father, for alleging racism. But he told the inquiry that the family had "received a sensitive and sympathetic hearing from the police."

With all that sympathy and sensitivity, he'll end up working for the Samaritans — until he tells his first caller that his patience is wearing thin and if they don't stop moaning he'll have them sued.

Now, in a letter to the Police Review, Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan branch of the Police Federa-

tion, is urging Jack Straw to ignore the findings of the inquiry altogether. Instead, he asks: "How about an inquiry into the militants and others involved since the murder?" He adds: "Of course, it will never happen."

Maybe tomorrow he'll write another letter saying: "What about the egg marketing board? Eh? No one will hold an inquiry into them, will they?"

The real question is whether the police mistakes were a result of incompetence or racism. To answer that you just have to imagine whether the outcome would have been the same if Stephen Lawrence had been white, and the suspects black. And if you can't work that out in under 10 seconds, you'll never take over from Morse.

Mark Steel's *Revolution* begins on Radio 4 next Tuesday.







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# FinanceGuardian

## Asian woes come home

# Trade slumps into the red

Charlotte Denny

**B**ITAIN'S trading balance with the rest of the world swung sharply into the red in the first three months of 1998, as the crisis in Asia and the strength of sterling bit deep into exports.

The current account recorded a £2.2 billion deficit between January and March this year, the first negative figure for five quarters, and the highest level for six years, according to data released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics.

The size of the deficit startled economists in the City, who had been predicting a figure a third the size.

"The eight-year trend of improving external balances has shifted decisively into reverse," said John O'Sullivan of NatWest Markets.

The ONS also released its final estimate of growth in the first quarter of the year, confirming that economy expanded by 0.5 per cent.

But it revised the year-on-year growth rate upwards to 3.0 per cent, a move which analysts said could increase the chances of the another rise in rates next month by the Bank of England. "Domestic demand continues to proceed at a pace," said an ONS spokesman.

## Raise income tax say steel firms

**B**ITAIN'S steel industry yesterday urged the Government to change course by raising taxes to curb spending in order to meet its 2.5 per cent inflation target instead of relying solely on higher interest rates, writes David Goss.

Warning that current fiscal and monetary policy was driving up the pound to damaging levels, the UK Steel Association said sterling's strength would threaten output, exports

and thousands of jobs if it continued unchecked.

The industry launched its lobby for a government rethink backed by a report from the Centre for Economics and Business Research, an independent economists' group. The group argues that the industry would have to boost productivity — already the highest in the world — by 49 per cent to offset the loss of competitiveness caused by a strong sterling.

That, the CEBR said,

would require productivity to rise annually by 8.3 per cent over five years — the cost of thousands of jobs.

British Steel, the industry's largest company, said the strong pound reduced profits by £500 million in 1997. It is scheduled to cut 10,000 jobs to win back its role as the world's lowest-cost producer.

Last year, the industry achieved record exports in volume terms but suffered a steep decline in value.

Evidence so far this year suggests that steel exports are down 3.2 per cent while imports are up 12.3 per cent. CEBR analysts said the impact this year could be to cut national output by £870 million, and export earnings by £390 million.

Michael Robson, the president of the UK Steel Association, said: "The present fiscal and monetary policy is wrong. Consumer spending must be brought down, but there are alternatives to the policy of total reliance on interest rates."

Among the options canvassed to help lower interest rates and drive down sterling are: running a large budget surplus; tax on borrowing; ending mortgage interest tax relief; rises in property stamp duty; and higher council taxes.

Mr Robson said: "These options are all politically unpopular. But the answer for manufacturing as a whole is to do something politically unpopular."

## Notebook

# Scardino takes on a sacred cow



Edited by Lisa Buckingham

**I**T HAS been a remarkable 18 months for media group Pearson's boss, Marjorie Scardino. It has been even more remarkable for the City, where misogynists and doubters have been forced to recant their early judgment that she was an ineffectual lightweight — and foreign, to boot.

Whatever the doubts about Ms Scardino and her unorthodox, collegial style of management, support was strong enough for the shares to rise when she recently outbid Rupert Murdoch and buyout specialists KKR for the publisher's media assets, at £4.8 billion (£2.8 billion).

A fresh executive has a honeymoon during which excess baggage can be dropped at the door of predecessors. Ms Scardino has done her share of this — particularly with the widely-applauded decision to dump Mindscape, the games business.

Another freedom she enjoys is being able to challenge sacred cows. That is what she is doing with the Tussauds group. With other remnants of Pearson's assets — notably its merchant-banking associate, Lazard — theme parks do not belong in "focused" media group.

If she can attract top dollar for the Tussauds business, Ms Scardino can probably look forward to a place in the stock market's hall of fame.

For the moment, the current account is acting as a pressure valve for the economy, allowing the strength of domestic demand to leak overseas. But the committee will be worried that, as in the past, the widening deficit will be a harbinger of higher inflation to come.

The Bank's dilemma is clear. Its only weapon to rein back growth to a sustainable rate is interest rates. But increasing the cost of borrowing boosts sterling. This hits the wrong part of the economy — the tradable sector — as yesterday's figures show. It takes longer to impact on consumer spending, which powers unsustainable growth.

Britain's new monetary policy mechanism for not using fiscal policy to check consumers and achieve a more balanced slowing of growth.

Whatever it does next, the monetary policy committee will be criticised. If it raises rates, it risks triggering the big-squeeze sector like a constrictor, as yesterday's figures show. If it does not, it could overshoot the Government's inflation target. Either way, it may be in for a roasting.

## Lucky for some

**T**AILS are up in the tobacco industry. The renewed sense of confidence among cigarette manufacturers, born of the collapse of attempts to impose punitive new legislation in the United States, was given another fillip with the overnight victory for BAT's Brown & Williamson subsidiary in the Florida appeals court.

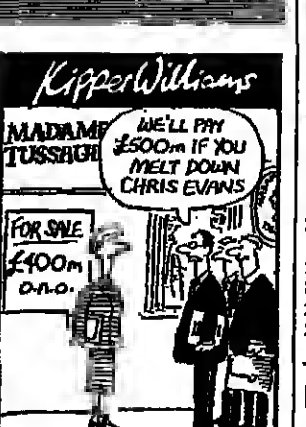
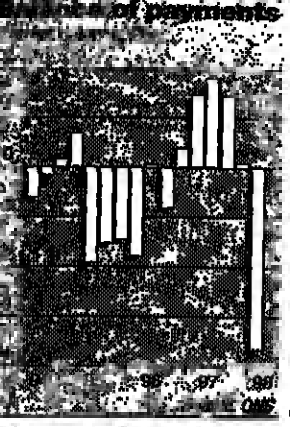
A compensation award of \$750,000 for 66-year-old Grady Carter, the lung cancer victim who smoked Lucky Strikes for 45 years, has been overturned. The court ruled that the case was filed too late.

BAT is now looking at the ruling to see if it can be used against another verdict earlier this month, awarding \$1 million damages.

It is, however, worth remembering that for all the anti-smoking frenzy, there is only one court award the industry has failed to see off. That was made only a few weeks ago, and will certainly be the subject of an appeal.

The ramifications of the Florida case make President Clinton's latest pledge of action against the industry appear even more important.

Unable to secure punitive legislation, the President is now launching an investigation.



Alton Towers in Staffordshire is one of the country's leading tourist attractions but Marjorie Scardino, Pearson's chief executive, wants to build a pure media company and double its size by 2002.

# Tussauds put up for sale by Pearson at £400m

Julia Finch

**T**HE country's leading tourist attractions, including Madame Tussaud's waxworks, the Alton Towers theme park and Warwick Castle, were put up for sale yesterday for £400 million.

The Tussauds Group, which also owns Chessington World of Adventures, the London Planetarium and the Rock Circus in Piccadilly, London, was put up for sale by Pearson, its parent company, which wants to concentrate on interests ranging from the Financial Times newspaper to television production companies.

The Tussauds sell-off comes as First Leisure, the night-club-to-gyms group, is looking for a buyer for its resorts division, which includes Blackpool Tower and Winter Gardens, and Eastbourne Pier.

Nearly 10 million people visited the Tussauds Group's

## Selling of the rides

Pearson	First Leisure
Tussauds £2.8m Visitors	Blackpool Tower £1.2m
Rock Circus, Piccadilly £613,000	Blackpool Winter Gardens n/a
Alton Towers £2.7m	Blackpool Opera House n/a
Warwick Castle £789,000	Eastbourne Pier £2.3m
Thorpe Park £912,000	
Chessington World of Adventures £1.8m	

venues last year, giving it a profit of £35 million. First Leisure's resorts division made £10 million last year, with one third of the profit coming from the Trecco Caravan Park in Portlough.

Madame Tussaud's wax museum in London and Alton Towers in Staffordshire, which pulled in a combined 5.5 million visitors last year, are the country's two leading tourist attractions charging an admission fee.

The only bigger crowd-pullers are Blackpool Pleasure Beach (7.8 million visitors), the British Museum (6 million), the National Gallery (4.8 million) and the Palace Pier in Brighton (3.5 million). They all offer free entry.

Pearson's announcement that it will "consider offers" for its leisure operations comes weeks after the Tussauds offshoot said it was buying the Thorpe Park leisure complex in Surrey.

The company is said to have received more than 10 approaches from trade and financial buyers in Europe and the US. City speculation centred on the Rank Group and Time Warner in the US. Mintel, the market research group which has completed a report into the UK theme park business, said big brewing and leisure groups like Whitbread or Scottish & Newcastle might be interested.

Analysts welcomed the decision to sell and calculated the business would fetch between £350 million and £400 million, yesterday said talks were continuing with potential resort buyers. He hopes to find a buyer by the end of next month and analysts believe the division is likely to fetch up to £120 million.

Mr Grade disclosed first half profits up 10 per cent, but the shares dropped 38p to 379p as he warned that trading is falling short of expectations.

The sell-off is part of a plan by Marjorie Scardino, Pearson's chief executive, to transform the group into a pure media company and double its size by 2002. It also reflects the City's increasing demands for "focus" in companies.

Ms Scardino has offloaded assets worth £700 million in the past 18 months, reinvesting proceeds in media operations.

City analysts have expressed doubts about the cash theme parks need to finance constantly new, ever more exhilarating rides to attract new and repeat visitors.

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# British Airways to be forced to reduce flight frequencies

David Goss

**G**OVERNMENT ministers yesterday reasserted Britain's claim to be Europe's inward investment capital as Scotland hailed new figures showing that the £1 billion it attracted last year had guaranteed a record 18,000 jobs.

Brian Wilson, Scottish industry minister, said investors were "beating a path to Scotland's door" as a survey of 1,700 large and medium-sized German companies showed they saw Holland as Europe's premier business location.

The UK came just behind Switzerland, in third place, with its ranking as best for low taxes and labour costs offset by its lowly position for productivity and education/training among its workforce.

Critics of successive governments' spending to attract foreign investors say it merely brings in low-paid, low-skilled jobs.

Mr Wilson and Locust in Scotland, the inward investment agency, disclosed that the planned £1.01 billion investment of 1997/98 would create or safeguard 17,947 jobs — the highest number in the agency's 17-year history.

But call centres accounted for 7,000 of these, underlining the relative decline of electronics, previously the biggest source of new jobs.

Europe is providing 10,838 jobs and North America 6,578. According to German Investment World, the UK has the lowest overall production costs — and Germany the highest — among 17 west European countries. But Germany ranks highest for infrastructure, employee education and quality of suppliers while the UK comes sixth, 12th and 10th.

# Ombudsman powerless in 6,000 windfall claims

Lee Stewart

**M**ORE than 6,000 people complaining to the Building Societies Ombudsman about injustices in windfall payouts were told he was powerless to help, it was revealed yesterday.

The ombudsman, who has received a record number of complaints over the last 12 months, said the complainants' only redress was to go to

the High Court. Almost half the 15,500 complaints related to the eight organisations converting or already converted to plc status. But Brian Murphy, the ombudsman, said in his annual report that he was only able to deal with complaints relating to the societies' "everyday" business.

"Many people are disappointed that I cannot investigate their complaints, and I have received many letters

trying to persuade me to change my view. Whatever opinion I may have on the fairness of the terms for issuing shares, I cannot challenge those terms or change them," he said.

He pointed out that much of his and his staff's time was spent deciding which cases he could resolve, rather than resolving them.

Mr Murphy is also powerless where the complaint relates to conditions attached

to products — such as redemption penalties on discount or fixed-rate mortgages. "There have been allegations that societies are recouping more from the lock-in period than they concede up front, but it is for the societies to design the products, and for me to make sure that nobody is misled," he said.

Only in cases where a converting society has been negligent in its "everyday" business is the Ombudsman able to intervene — for instance, if an account has been credited with an incorrect sum, depriving the customer of a windfall payment.

This year there were almost 1,000 such complaints, with the Halifax accounting for almost half. In his report, Mr Murphy warned that societies charging unfair penalties for late mortgage payments would be "named and shamed", especially those

regularly writing off fines once his office intervenes.

Complaints relating to non-conversion fell by 25 per cent on last year's. More than 4,300 concerned mortgages while 2,200 were about investment or banking services.

The highest compensation awarded to a consumer was £74,000. The unnamed society refused to allow the borrower to accept a sale price because it wanted to repossess and sell the property itself.

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# Digital bid may exclude Talk

Simon Beavis  
Media Business Editor

**R**UPERT Murdoch's plan to elbow his way into commercial radio by backing a bid for Talk Radio yesterday clouded publication of plans to establish 10 new national digital radio stations spanning classical music, rock, dance, spoken word, comedy and sport.

It emerged last night that the Digital One consortium — which includes Talk Radio and submitted the sole application to run the digital service — covered itself with specific legal protections in case any of the partners come under new management.

Sources suggested that the Digital One shareholders, GWR with a controlling 57 per cent, cable firm NTL with 33 per cent and Talk Radio with 10 per cent — could effectively expel Talk Radio from the consortium if it fails to take over the station. Mr Murdoch's News International has taken a 20 per cent stake in the MacKenzie bid for Talk Radio.

Mr MacKenzie — who quit Mirror Group to pitch for the station — is up against a management buyout bid supported by Lord Hollick's United News and Media.

The running battle for Talk Radio unhappily over-

shadowed the launch of Digital One's plans yesterday after it submitted its licence application to the Radio Authority unchanged.

There have been fears about Mr Murdoch gaining a foothold on another digital gateway because of his potentially powerful position in digital television through his 40 per cent stake in BSkyB. However, GWR has made clear it would work with Mr Murdoch provided that it remained in overall control of Digital One.

Digital One said it plans to start broadcasting in October next year. Talk Radio is guaranteed one of the national stations — whatever the outcome of the bid — to broadcast its output simultaneously in digital.

Chris Evans' Virgin Radio and Classic FM — owned by GWR — are also guaranteed slots. Other services planned include an oldies rock station, a "female-based" contemporary music station, a club dance station, a drama, books and comedy station, a 24-hour news service and a sports channel which will also be provided by Talk Radio.

The CD-quality broadcasts will be supported by a text service. Digital car radios are expected to be on the market soon for around £300 while PC users will be able to buy a £200 soundcard to receive radio services.

## Guardian sees record profits

Financial Staff

**T**HE Guardian Media Group, which publishes the Guardian and the Observer, yesterday reported record financial results with profits before tax and exceptional rising 75 per cent to £53 million in the year to the end of March.

The result, attributed to strong advertising growth, lower newsprint prices and tight cost control, came on the back of a 13 per cent increase in group sales to £368 million.

It compares with a £30.2 million pre-exceptional surplus in the preceding year.

After accounting for a £19.8 million charge in the year before, which related to the costs of closing the Guardian press centre and transfer-

ring printing to West Ferry after the sale of Dogs, profits grew even more sharply, from £10.4 million to £53 million after exceptional.

With profits rising swiftly and with capital expenditure in the year relatively modest, the group's net cash grew by £35 million, or 41 per cent, to £120 million.

Robert Gavron, chairman of GMC, said the strong financial performance had continued in the first quarter of the current year.

"The new year has started well, with firm advertising markets and stable newsprint prices."

"Although these conditions will not continue indefinitely, we enter the new financial year with confidence," he said.

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US appeal judges rule that Windows 95 system can be packaged with web-browser

# Microsoft in Net victory

Mark Tran in New York

**M**ICROSOFT yesterday won an important victory in its battle with the US government, when an appeals court threw out an injunction barring it from packaging its Internet Explorer browser alongside Windows 95 computer operating system.

The three appeals judges ruled that a lower court's injunction against Microsoft was improper and that the judge in the case, Thomas Jackson, made procedural and substantive mistakes.

Judge Jackson had ruled that Microsoft could not force computer makers who sell their hardware with Windows 95 to include its Internet Explorer browser alongside.

The US Justice Department claims that, by bundling its Internet browser to Windows 95, Microsoft broke a 1995 agreement.

The government had not requested the injunction but Judge Jackson issued it anyway, ordering Microsoft to decouple Internet Explorer from Windows 95.

Microsoft appealed and came away with yesterday's decisive victory.

"The preliminary injunction was issued without adequate notice and on an erroneous reading" of the law, the appeals judges wrote.

In another rebuttal to Judge Jackson, the appeals court dismissed from the case Harvard law professor Lawrence Lessig, appointed as "special master" or expert, to report to the judge on important technical issues.

Microsoft wanted Prof Lessig removed from the case, arguing that he was biased. The appeals court did not agree with the charge of bias but found the appointment "either a clear abuse of discretion or an exercise of wholly non-existent discretion."

Microsoft shares soared upon news of the decision.

Yesterday's ruling on Windows 95 does not directly affect the government's broader anti-monopolies case concerning Windows 98 — the Windows 95 successor. In that wider case, scheduled to start in September, the government and attorneys-general from 20 states allege that a primary goal of Microsoft in integrating its web browser with Windows 95 was to damage its small rival, Netscape Communications, in the browser wars.

The government wants Microsoft either to decouple Internet Explorer from Windows 98 or to incorporate Netscape's browser into Windows 98.

The government alleges that Microsoft uses its monopoly power to gain advantage in new markets, particularly the Internet.

But the appeals court ruling on Windows 95 will undoubtedly provide valuable ammunition for Microsoft in the broader competition case.

In an opinion that could spell trouble for the government, the appeals court said that an "integrated product" was one that combined functions in an advantageous way for the purchaser, regardless of whether components were sold separately.

Microsoft has argued consistently that integrating the browser with the operating system was a natural progres-

sion, designed to benefit consumers. Microsoft is confident that it can prove this in the September trial.

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## Troubled US firm told to withdraw 'super' drug

Julia Finch and Sarah Roseley

**T**HE American Home Products drugs group was yesterday forced to withdraw a new pain relief drug after it was linked to four deaths and eight emergency liver transplants.

It is the fourth time in nine months that the increasingly accident-prone company, which is planning a \$96 billion (£60 billion) merger with rival Monsanto, has been forced to take a drug off the market or withdraw an application for approval because of potentially fatal side effects.

Its Duract painkiller, launched last July and expected to generate sales in billions of dollars, was ordered off the market by the US Food and Drug Administration.

AHP is already facing class action and individual lawsuits that analysts estimate could cost up to \$8 billion after side-effects linked to two anti-obesity drugs. It was first alerted to potential problems with Duract in December, when a patient had to be given a liver transplant.

In February the FDA put a "black box" warning on the Duract label stating that some patients who had taken the drug for more than 10 days were developing liver problems including jaundice, hepatitis and liver failure.

Later that month a patient died of liver problems and three more fatalities have since followed.

The FDA ordered AHP to withdraw the drug after concerns that, despite the warning, some doctors were still prescribing Duract for more than 10 days.

It also advised patients with half-used packs of the tablets to throw them away. The company is understood to have complied immediately without protest.

A spokesman for AHP said the liver damage appeared to affect one in 20,000 patients, which meant the problem was undetectable prior to full-scale marketing.

A spokesman for the FDA said a trial of more than 100,000 patients would be necessary to have picked up the potential problem — far in excess of the numbers used in any clinical trials.

Last September AHP was forced to withdraw Redux and Pondimin, two medications which had been commonly used in a diet drug cocktail called Fen-Phen, after they were linked to potentially fatal heart problems.

In January, when AHP was attempting to merge with the UK's SmithKline Beecham — before SmithKline's aborted attempt to merge with UK rival Glaxo Wellcome — lawyers were working on a complicated plan to ring-fence or insure against the potential multi-billion dollar liabilities that could emerge.

In March the company, which is based in Madison, New Jersey, was also forced to withdraw an application for approval for Verdis, a blood pressure medication after it was also linked to liver problems.

Besides these recent problems, AHP is also facing claims from users of its controversial Norplant contraceptive implant, which has been linked to various negative side effects, including personality changes.

It is not known whether AHP had filed for marketing approval of Duract in the UK, as Britain's Medicines Control Agency operates behind a far greater veil of secrecy than the FDA.

Manufacturers of successful drugs generally do apply to sell their treatments worldwide, however.

News in brief

**Orange launches UK videophone**

ORANGE, the mobile-phone operator, tried to boost its subscriber base yesterday with pledges on prices and products, including Britain's first portable videophone.

Claiming its subscribers had increased by 20 per cent in the year to May, the group said it had capacity to spare for the service, for which handset would cost between £500 and £600. Shares closed at a record high of 605p, up 54p. — *Simon Beavis*

**British Energy merger**

BRITISH Energy, operator of the UK's eight most modern nuclear power stations, announced the merger of Scottish Nuclear and Nuclear Electric, uniting its operations in England and Scotland. The move is intended to provide a more cost-effective base for north American joint-ventures and acquisitions, and is expected to secure annual savings of between £5 million and £10 million, and cost between 50 and 100 managerial jobs. — *Celia Weston*

**Recession alarm**

CARPETRIGHT, Britain's biggest carpet retailer, added to fears of a recession on the high street when chief executive Lord Harris warned: "Trading conditions were the worst I have ever experienced, and I have been in the business for 40 years."

The veteran shopkeeper and Tory party fundraiser warned that profits from the group's 233 stores fell from £23.2 million to £22.2 million in the year to May 2. — *Tony May*

**Mis-selling jitters**

HOGG Robinson unnerved the market when it announced a £10 million provision to cover the second stage of the pensions mis-selling review. Shares in the travel and financial services group fell nearly 10 per cent to 289p. Hogg Robinson said its pre-tax, pre-exceptionals profit for the year was up 15 per cent to £29.4 million. — *Julia Treanor*

**Nissan-Daimler deal**

THE pace of global restructuring in the auto industry quickened yesterday when Nissan, Japan's ailing motor manufacturer, said it hoped to conclude a co-operation deal with Germany's Daimler-Benz. Nissan's president, Yoshikazu Hanawa, said that the deal with Daimler on selling its 38.8 per cent stake in truck-maker Nissan Diesel could be agreed by July. — *David Gou*

## Selfridges 'was like a Grace Bros'

Roger Cowe

**S**ELFRIDGES' chief executive yesterday hit out at owners Sears, for allowing the store to decline in the 1970s and 1980s.

Launching the demerger which will see Selfridges become a separately quoted company, he said years of underinvestment had left the store facing a £120 million spending programme which was denting profits just as it came to the stock market.

"It was very much a Grace Bros operation. There was very little investment for 20 years until 1992, because Sears didn't know what to do with the store," he said.

The demerger was launched against a background of grim sales figures which led to shares in the parent company dropping by 8 per cent. Free-mans mail order and women's wear sales are 2 to 3 per cent higher than last year but takings at the Adams children's chain are more than 6 per cent lower.

Mr Radice acknowledged that this was a difficult time to be achieving independence from the retailer which has owned it since the 1960s. But he stressed

that Sears shareholders had pressed for the break-up of the conglomerate, which has already sold its shoe empire and will float the Freemans mail order business later this year.

"There's no doubt the timing is not perfect," he said, after reporting that sales in the central London store were 4 per cent lower than last year.

The store is in the middle of a £99 million refurbishment and is investing £30 million in its second premises, which will open in Manchester in September.

The investments, together with a fall of a third in tourist customers from Asia, cut last year's profit by nearly half.

Despite the dismal background, Mr Radice insisted that independence would be good. "People will benefit from better performance," he said.

Mr Radice and Mr Williams stand to gain shares worth six times their salaries if the company's performance is in the top quarter of retailers over a seven-year period. Their salaries are £225,000 and £125,000 respectively.

Kingfisher, the Comet and Woolworths conglomerate, yesterday took control of BUT, a French electrical chain.

Mark Atkinson and Larry Elliott

**T**HE growing split in Britain's boardrooms over the single currency was highlighted last night when Lord Marshall, the outgoing president of the Confederation of British Industry, launched a strong attack on industry's anti-monetary union splinter group.

In his last big speech as president of the employers' organisation, Sir Colin bit out at the newly-formed Business for Sterling group, which is campaigning for the pound to stay out of the euro-zone.

Lord Marshall said the group — led by Lord Marsh,

the former Labour Cabinet minister — should stop carping about the sampling techniques used in CBI surveys which showed a majority of the business community in favour of the single currency.

Speaking at a CBI banquet in Birmingham, Sir Colin said: "Whatever happens, whether Britain joins EMU or stays out, one thing is absolutely certain: British companies, in every sector and at every level, must be ready to deal and trade in the single currency when it becomes a hard and fast commercial reality in six months."

Joint CBI and British Chambers of Commerce polls have shown that more than half of their members favour

joining the euro under the right circumstances, with only around 20 per cent opposed to the single currency in any circumstances.

The Business for Sterling group has argued that the surveys include only those companies which bother to reply to questionnaires, excluding a silent majority in favour of retaining the pound.

Sir Colin insisted, however: "Three successive annual surveys, two of them conducted jointly with the BCC, have concluded that a clear majority of business is in favour of the principle of Britain joining EMU when the time is right. Of course, there were and are companies who stand against the idea, and

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**Foot fault**  
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## A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a basketball game. A player in a light-colored jersey is in the air, shooting the ball. A defender in a dark jersey is jumping to block the shot. Another player in a light jersey is visible in the background. The image is grainy and has a high-contrast, almost stencil-like appearance.

**Heads, you win** Scotland's inspirational captain Colin Hendry gets the better of Salaheddine Bassir, the scorer of two of Morocco's goals, in an aerial dispute last night

PHOTOGRAPH: CHRIS BACON

**A** CURSE that has ingrained itself in the psyche of Scotland World Cup squads for 44 years refused stubbornly to be hedged last night. At the Stadio Geoffroy Richard history was not made, but merely repeated. Morocco's goals, scored by Salaheddine Bencherif in the first half and Abdeljilil Baddis 90 seconds into the second followed by Bassir again five minutes from the end hinted at simulation. To cap it all Craig Brown was sent off after 54 minutes.

Bassir completed his double by skimming Tom Boyd and driving the ball in off Collin Hendry from 12 yards as the Scots looked dead on their feet. But Morocco's famous victory was not sufficient for them to advance as Norway's last-minute penalty for a free-kick against Brazil was a stinging reminder that the Africans deserved the North African of a second-round place.

Ironically, Craig Brown's team chose to produce their worst performance of the series against opponents who were reputed to be the weakest in the group.

It was a night when Scotland's players were required to be as resourceful as the spectators, with echoes of Biblical loaves and fishes, had contrived to stretch a meagre official-allocation of 2,500 tickets to around 15,000, giving the Tartan Army a clear majority inside the stadium.

But by the time Bassir gave Morocco the lead, after 22 minutes, the Scots had failed to produce enough menace to justify the deep confidence they had exuded throughout the match. The game was leading up to a showdown.

They did demonstrate composure and a sureness of touch in midfield for much of the time, traits that have typified their play since the start of the tournament, but that lack of a genuine threat was another characteristic they

This may have been partly planned, as Brown and some of his players had spoken of the need to be patient, to keep possession and to force the opposition into chasing shadows in the hope of taking advantage later in the match, when the North African side were expected to run short of

fuel. But it was the Scots who looked one-paced when they conceded that goal.

It was the simplest of moves, but it was completed with a deadly shot from Bassir. Taber El Khalef carried the ball towards the halfway line and suddenly released a long lob, carrying over the head of Hendry and dropping into the path of the rushing Bassir.

From 10 yards to the left of goal, the Moroccan striker hit a fierce but beautifully controlled left-foot volley past Jim Leighton.

Ever so the Moroccans in the crowd seemed for an instant to be stunned, as there had been little promise of such a devastating moment. Gordon Duff had come closest to producing a goal who he reached Jojo Collins's searching free-kick and with Driss Benzakri committed and stranded, glanced his header wide of an empty net.

The goal, predictably, seemed to energise the game, with Scotland now facing the task of trying to force a confrontation in their two previous outings — a need to come from behind.

field, had been curiously ineffective until the 33rd minute when he played a good ball into Durie from the left and the Rangers striker delivered a centre that looked bound for Kevin Gallacher's head.

The Blackburn striker was challenged by Nourredine Naybet and the header was blocked, a fate that also befell Collins's shot as he followed up on the loose ball.

At this stage there were clear indications that Scotland could trouble Benzekri and the goalkeeper was summoned to duty once again by Burley, this time when the Celtic midfielder took possession on the right side of the pitch and tried to find space, he had time to set himself for the drive from 15 yards.

The ball was struck low and true, but the Morocco goalkeeper stood his ground and managed to deflect it for the corner kick. It was during that spell that Burley, Lambert and Collins took ownership of the middle and attempted to solve the problems for the Moroccans.

But the creeping uneasiness

over the Scots' tendency to throw meo forward and leave themselves vulnerable at the back turned to numbing reality when that second goal was scored.

It was almost a replica of the first, this time with Moustapha Hadji supplying the long ball over the head of David Weir. It was Hadda who reached it and tried to

The veteran goalkeeper stretched and managed to push the ball into the air, but it dropped over the line before he could retrieve it. It was the moment that every Scot in the stadium realised that another great expectation would be frustrated.

Burley's dismissal soon after — oo argument with this decision — merely applied the finishing touch to an experience that will be entered in the debit column of Scotland's World Cup ledger, along with all the others.

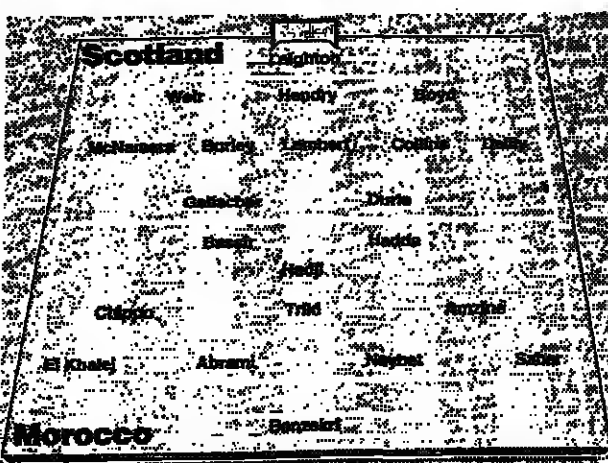
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**REFEREE** Ali Mohamed Sulaim (UAE).



July 2 Austria 1

**Yesterday's results**

<b>Chile 1</b>	<b>Cameroon 1</b>
Sierra 21	Mozambique 55
Attendance 39,066	
<b>Italy 2</b>	<b>Austria 1</b>



## Road to the final



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## France 98

Group B: Italy 2 Austria 1

## Vieri and Baggio the silent assassins as Italy saunter to their objective

Ian Ross in St-Denis sees unlovable Austria start physically and end with painful defeat

THE tournament has only just reached half-way, yet those who wear crowns rather than boots are as much concerned with positioning for the later stages as with goals and tactics.

By defeating Austria at a strangely subdued, often silent, Stade de France here yesterday, Italy moved into the second round as group winners, thus ensuring they would not collide — yet with Brazil, an undoubted blessing for the Azzurri who have yet to find their touch. This is not a great Italian side, more a pragmatic one. "We are happy to have gone through and happy to have done so as group winners. But harder tasks lie ahead," said Italy's coach Cesare Maldini.

Austrian football holds precious little sobriety and with the odds stacked against them Herbert Prohaska's men did not hesitate to remove the iron fist — and feet — from the velvet glove of convenience.

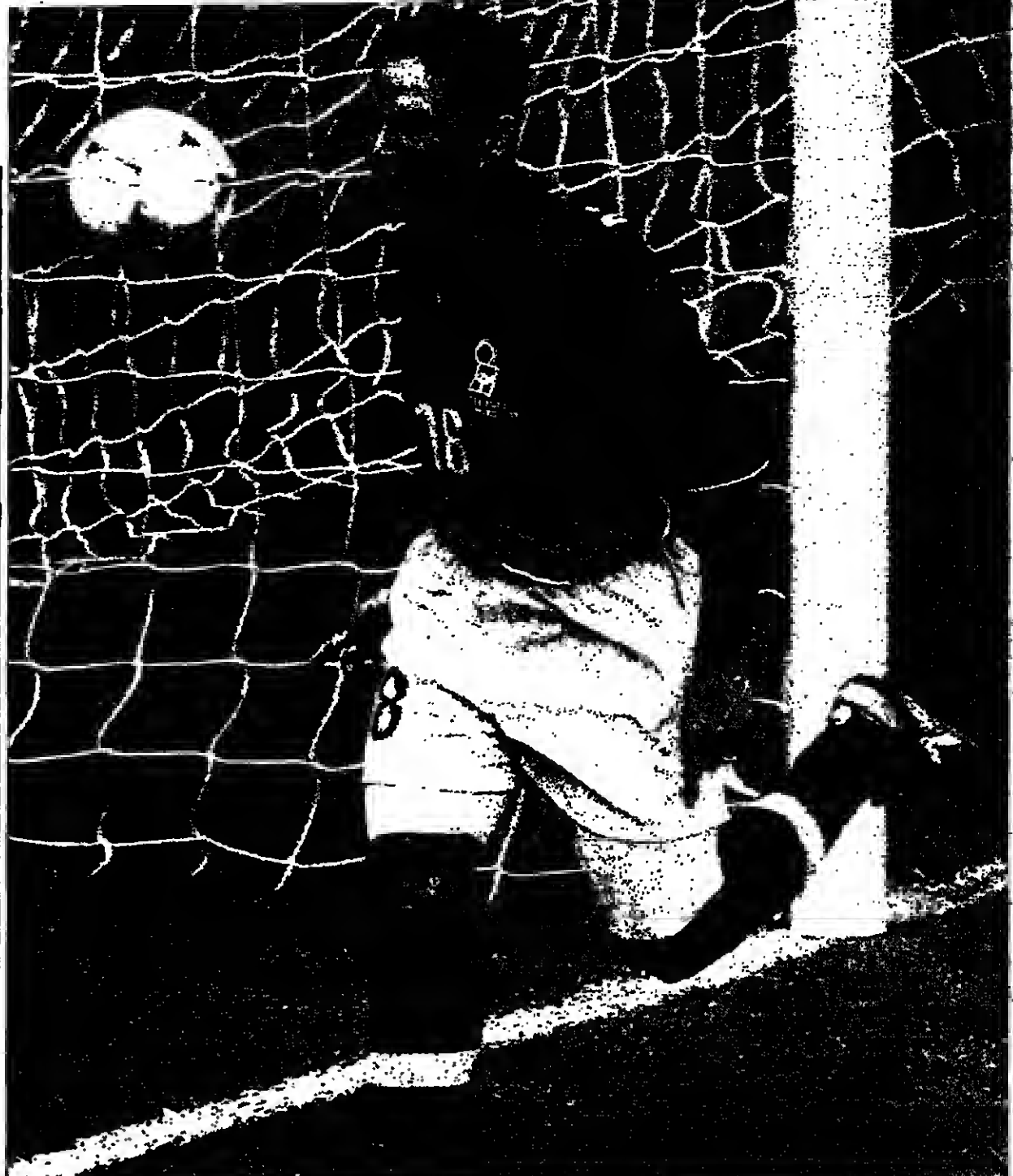
Early on, as the blood surged, the stadium reverberated to the sound of falling Italians as metal met metal. The man in the midst of the mayhem was England's Paul Durkin, hardly one to shrink responsibilities or fall for the tricks of old dogs or young pups.

The referee was reaching for his breast pocket inside two minutes, cautioning Austria's Wolfgang Feiersinger for restraining with Alessandro Nesta for his part in a collision which brought Helmo Pfeifferberger to his knees.

The venomous rebuke Nesta delivered was to be his last contribution: he was stretched away with a knee ligament injury which ended his afternoon and his tournament. "Nesta is out of the World Cup," Maldini said afterwards. "He will take no further part."

The Austrians also saw fit to remind Paolo Maldini and Christian Vieri that the final game of the opening phase was no place for pleasantries. It was grim, awkward stuff, enlivened only by a series of powerful counter-attacks by Italy, who swept offensively from penalty area to penalty area in search of a breakthrough.

When not ruffling the Italians' beautifully groomed feathers, Austria gamely chased the ball, but they needed to avoid a swift journey home. Often they looked capable of breaching European football's most secure barricade but the instinct was always to play safe rather



No substitute for skill... Roberto Baggio turns away after scoring Italy's second goal yesterday

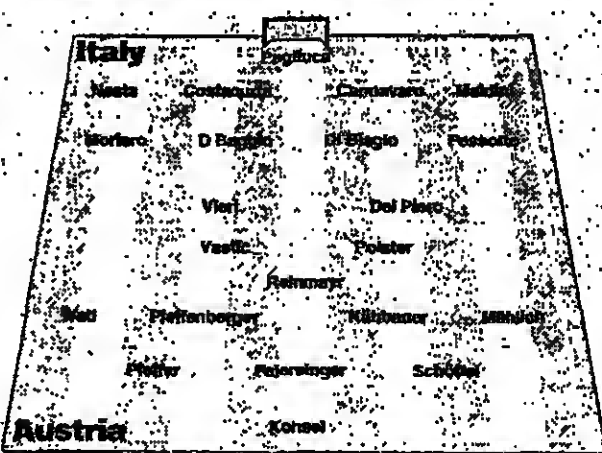
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than gamble, to stick rather than twist.

While largely outplayed, Austria fashioned the best opening of a wretched first half. Hannes Reismayr's break from central midfield and pass to his right all but undid Italy but Toni Polster delayed too long his shot, ultimately striking only the outstretched leg of his substitute Giuseppe Bergomi.

When not being bounded out of his gorgeous natural rhythm by the Austrian bully boys — something Durkin sadly neglected to punish — Alessandro Del Piero was at the sharp end of all Italy's better moments. But he was out of luck and, mostly, out of the penalty area.

Del Piero is far, far more than just a predator, he is an astute footballer and three minutes into a more vigorous second half he was hauled down — for the fifth time — by Peter Schöttel.



The angle was unsympathetic but even so Del Piero would have been expected to shoot rather than cross. He knew that was what Austria expected so, instead he clipped his free-kick into the

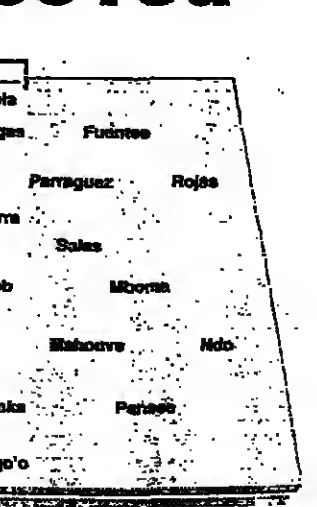
possession came chances and Austria almost dragged themselves level on 66 minutes when Arnold Welt's overhead kick was saved at the second attempt by Gianluca Pagliuca.

It was to be a brief revival in fortune, although Andreas Herzog's penalty maintained Austria's remarkable record of having scored in the final minute of each of their three games.

The problem was 60 seconds before Herzog steered his kick home Roberto Baggio, 66 as a substitute, had put Italy two ahead, turning in a Filippo Inzaghi cross from close range.

Austria had been seen packing; their passing will be mourned by few.

SUBSTITUTIONS Italy: Bergomi for Nesta, 46th; Inzaghi for Vieri, 61st; Baggio for Del Piero, 73rd. Austria: Haas for Polster, 62nd; Singer for Pfeifferberger, 74th; Herzog for Pfeifferberger, 75th.



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## Chile 1 Cameroon 1

Robert Kitson in Nantes on nine-man Cameroon's departure in a cloud of anger

SOME contests are destined to be fiery, and emotions stirred by Chile's arrival at the World Cup knock-out mix for the first time since 1962 could not disguise the loud rumblings inside the Cameroon dressing-room after this rollicking game of missed chances and multi-coloured cards.

Stopping just short of accusing the game's rulers of legalised daylight robbery, the coach of the indomitable Lions, Claude Le Roy, launched a scatter-gun attack on the new Fifa president Sepp Blatter after watching his side suffer two disallowed goals and finish with only nine men.

Particularly bitter at the decision to rule out what appeared to be a perfectly good second-half effort by his captain Francois Omam-Biyik for a barely discernible push by Patrick Mboma in the build-up, Le Roy was not in any hurry to congratulate the Chileans on reaching the second round.

"I'm very sorry we have been eliminated on the basis of an incompetent decision," he raged. "I don't want to say anything about the red cards, but if Mr Blatter is watching, he should know we can't understand why our second goal was ruled out. Second goal should have been Michel Platini, who keeps more

## Chile too hot as Lions see red

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about football, and stick to administration. Our players cannot understand it. I hope Fifa will draw a lesson from it."

The Hungarian referee had already dismissed the extrovert defender Rigobert Song for his second bookable offence, an elbow in the face of Marcelo Salas, and dismissed the substitute Lavranos Etame in the 89th minute when Salas was scythed down again.

The sendings-off provoked riots in the Cameroon capital Yaounde as black fans vented their anger on whites. Police used water cannon to disperse an angry crowd outside a supermarket who were chanting "Whites don't like us," in protest at the white referee's handling of the game.

With four Chileans booked, three of whom will miss Saturday's encounter with Brazil in Paris, the 21st-minute free-kick curled into the top corner from 28 yards by Jose Luis Sierra's left foot did not receive the post-match ac-

claim it deserved.

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## Durkin digs out four yellows and a penalty

AT TIMES Paul Durkin was the most active man on the pitch, and it did his chances of being given a second game no harm at all.

The Dorset referee flashed the yellow card four times, three at Austrians and one at an Italian, the first caution after only two minutes for a complaint by Wolfgang Feiersinger about Alessandro Nesta's tackle which ended the Italian defender's World Cup.

Yellow cards were also issued for cumbersome first-half fouls by Ivica Vastic and Peter Schöttel before Paolo Maldini completed the quartet in the 88th minute.

Austria's coach Herbert Prohaska, however, was not happy, despite being awarded a dubious late penalty. He said the free-kick which produced Italy's first goal should not have been given and added that a foul was missed during the build-up for the second.

Official rating

Yellow Cards	4
Red Cards	0
Fouls given	40
Fouls not given	6
Handballs given	11
Handballs not given	11
Offsides given	11
Offsides not given	3
Penalties given	1
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Playing advantage	4

\*Data supplied by Carling Opta, based on televised evidence

## SECOND ROUND

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Brazil (20.00)	France (20.00)	Germany (20.00)	Italy (20.00)
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GAME 9	GAME 10	GAME 11	GAME 12
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GAME 13	GAME 14
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Sweden (20.00)	Denmark (20.00)
Chile (20.00)	Colombia (20.00)

## FINAL

GAME 15
France (20.00)
Sweden (20.00)
Chile (20.00)

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France 98

Ed Vulliamy on how the supporters of the United States, with their infectious enthusiasm, have added a dash of colour to their team's unsuccessful World Cup campaign

# Old glory, glory days for Sam's Army



Ageing pony-tailed Vietnam vets pass the litmus test

**T**HEY ARE Uncle Sam's Barmy Army, called Sam's Army, or just "The Sammers" — and, as they put it, they "kick grass". They wear red T-shirts, blue wigs, face-paint and drags themselves in Old Glory. They make a lot of noise, have a lot of tattoos and drink a lot of beer, at a recent game against Jamaica two lads from Chicago had T-shirts that read "Shut Up and

the cool crowd to hang out with. "We turn heads wherever we go," says Mark. "People want to be part of the group. They can see that we've done nothing but promote the game in a positive light."

The difference between Sam's Army and other groups of fans unfurling their flags in France is that this lot shout, jump around and sing in a country where going to a match is a more sedate and sedentary family affair. They undertake long journeys by Greyhound bus or plane in a sports culture where "away travel" is almost unknown.

Most important, Sam's Army spearheads the fans' side of the bargain in World Cup history's most curious deal: Fifa's condition in giving the last World Cup — the most successful ever, financially — to the United States was that the country initiate a professional league.

It was not the first try, there had been the attempt in the 1970s when Pele played for New York Cosmos and Rodney Marsh for Tampa Bay Rowdies.

But that time the received wisdom won out over the belief that if America did not invent it it must be un-American. Not enough scoring, not enough statistics, not enough crashing and banging, not enough time out for commercials.

Sam's Army are regular, working-class, non-Hispanic kids (the Hispanics go anyway but do not support the US, the litmus test of how American soccer is catching on), who cannot afford the multi-thousand dollar all-in



Friendly rivalry... an American supporter greets his Iranian counterpart before last Sunday's match; on the left Iran score the first of their two goals MAIN PHOTOGRAPH: GERALD CERLES

**The locker-room pin-up is the Galaxy's Cobi Jones, who has a part in Beverly Hills 92010**

Drink Your Beer". But they don't fight, they think that is plain dumb.

Like their United States team, they are young, keen and haphazard. Their favourite chant is Queen's "We will, We will, Rock you". They love to party and hang around the ground for ages before and after games — often having travelled vast distances.

Sam's Army is the spearhead of football's newest and fastest-growing constituency, the game's last unconquered land. Founded three years ago by Mark and Chris Spacone, two brothers from Buffalo, it has 6,000 registered but rag-tag members and a larger, swelling number of hangers-on who consider the Sammers

packages upon which tickets are conditional. People such as Jimmy S. Todt, of Chicago Fire and MetLife, has travelled 14,000 miles to take in eight US home internationals. He wanted to incorporate the World Cup into an ambitious hitch-hike with his huddles, sleeping rough.

"Forget it," he shrugs, hugging another Pete's Wicked Summer Brew instead. "No match tickets unless I stay at some Sofitel in Lyon."

Sam's Army has a "Battle Brigade", with its flag — a

skill and crossbones. They are a crowd of ageing, pony-tailed Vietnam Vets who have seen too much real violence to want to be like the idiots from England.

Attendances for Major League Soccer speak for LA Galaxy versus Tampa Bay Mutiny — the biggest crowd ever at an American sporting match.

Crowds for the Galaxy often peak at 80,000. There were 79,000 for a recent all-star game at Giants Stadium — the highest sports crowd ever

in that ground, and second only to the Pope (82,000). The average gate across the 10-team MLS is just over 24,000 — and the average age is well below that in Europe. Arood 18 million young Americans now play football, half of them girls.

The United States has something in common with Iran. Just as Iranian women are campaigning to go to football matches, so women are at the core of America's new fans. "Soccer Mom" has already become an electoral constituency in the calculations of

Washington's spin doctors. The marketing men usually know best what is going down in any society, and L'Oreal shampoo decided to deploy the silver-blue eyes and flowing locks of previously unknown David Ginola in its American market-place.

Female fans of New England Revolution have a website featuring players' "butts of the week". Television commercials for MLS games doh them "Lessons in passion" and one of those, Strip-tease Lessons, features well-known players peeling off their

shirts. The main locker-room pin-up is the Galaxy's Cobi Jones, whose good looks and henna dreadlocks got him his own show on MTV, Mega-dose, and a part in Beverly Hills 92010.

But Jones has no illusions about the sport's minority status: "I'll give Michael Jordan a year of lessons," he says, "we'll see if he can pick it up".

Michel Platini typifies Old World snobbery against US football. He does not like all this, nor does he like penalty shoot-outs after every draw

and statistics such as "goal assists" or "fouls against". "The Americans discovered soccer four years ago," says the Sun King of France 98, "and already they're changing the rules." As for Ginola, he won't make the French team, says Platini, "because L'Oreal isn't picking it".

Not all the sexy stuff is for the ladies. For the lads, there are the five million condoms released for sale in special boxes emblazoned with a picture of France, the World Cup tournament's mascot, on them.

## Colombia's hairy swinger in mood to lead England a merry dance

Triumph over Tunisia gives Valderrama new focus ahead of encounter in Lens

**C**OLOMBIA'S captain Carlos Valderrama insists England are still a big side but the oldest swinger in town also believes his team are up to the task of cutting them down to size in Friday's Group G decider in Lens.

Valderrama, having rescued Colombia from their second early World Cup exit in four years with a killer pass for the substitute Leider Preciado to seal their crucial 1-0 success against Tunisia in Montpellier on Monday, said: "We're back at our ease now. After the Romania defeat we knew we had to beat Tunisia and didn't even think about England but we are now."

"It's a surprise to many people that they lost to Romania but I know England still have many assets, and the main one is their strength. They're a big team, both physically and because they are in the list of favourites to win the World Cup."

"They'll make it hard for us over the 90 minutes in Lens but we have the confidence now to concentrate on our own game."

The Colombian coach Hernan Dario Gomez was equally optimistic: "We're still on course for the final," he said.

"As far as the match against England is concerned, we're going to do our very best."

One could hardly miss Valderrama, with his outrageous hush of blonde curly hair. He is

still a follower of some kind of fashion, although officially he is in his 37th year — despite various estimates putting his age between 35 and 39.

Either way, he has been around the international scene for a long time — and he is still nursing a desire to win the ultimate prize on our own game.

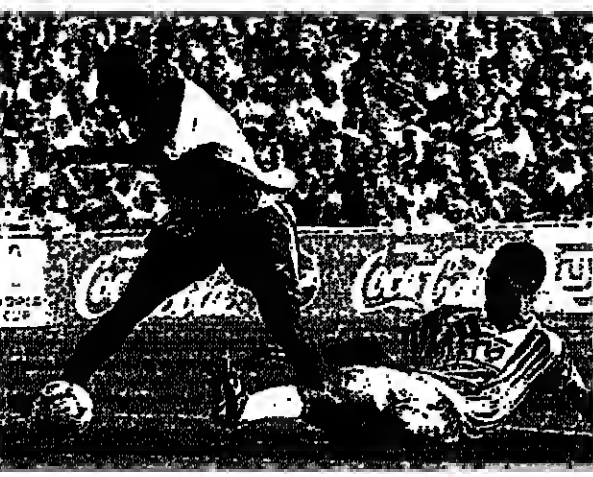
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publicly criticised the tactics of the coach Hernan Gomez and his insistence on continuing to keep faith with Valderrama, a player Asprilla refers to as one of the "untouchables".

Asprilla was promptly sent home and that looked the death-knell for Colombia's hopes at this World Cup. Indeed, there seemed every reason to believe they would go out after the first round, as they did in USA 94. Back home, Valderrama is still known as "El Fibe" — The Kid. But it has taken on an increasingly ironic edge as the sometime midfield maestro struggled around the pitch at his third World Cup finals on a decidedly ageing legs.

At one point whistles and jeers echoed around the Montpellier's La Mosson Stadium where Valderrama dazzled the home crowd a decade ago.

For Colombia. Many think he should have been pensioned off years ago — including the former Newcastle striker Fanstino Asprilla, who last week



On to a winner... Preciado scores against Tunisia

After Monday's match, in a country where people are fond of repeating that "hope is the last thing that's lost", many are now hoping that the ageing team will make it past England. Whatever happens on Friday, Preciado's goal against Tunisia was celebrated with glee. And the festivities were a lot livelier than Sunday's when the opposition candidate Andres Pastrana won the

country's presidential elections.

A cacophony of horn-blowing caravans and conga-dancing fans took to the streets of major cities across the nation. Monday was a national holiday in Colombia. But a ban on the sale and public consumption of alcohol, enforced for all of the team's World Cup appearances, dampened the otherwise rowdy celebrations.

## Foreign moves await Iranians

**I**RAN's jobless players returned to training on Monday night but some had more than the historic 2-1 win over the United States on their minds.

Their victory has put the Iranians firmly in the spotlight and now they are poised to cash in with lucrative contracts from foreign clubs.

Already the centre-forward Ali Daei has signed for Bayern Munich after his former German club Arminia Bielefeld were relegated from the Bundesliga.

Khodadad Azizi also played in Germany last season, with Cologne. But with his club also going down he is expected to move in time for next season.

The right-winger Mehdi Mahdavi, who scored the crucial second goal, said he expects to leave his Iranian club, Firouzi, after the tournament.

Nima Nakise, the goalkeeper, may be coming back

to France sooner than he imagined, to join the French First Division club Nantes.

Iran's coach, Jalal Talebi, is currently working without a contract but hopes to secure his future soon.

The Iranian players will receive \$7,000 (\$4,375) apiece from their government for the momentous 2-1 victory over the Americans.

That is in addition to the \$337 they collected for losing only 1-0 to the highly rated Yugoslavia in their first World Cup game in 20 years.

Despite its official hostility towards the US the Iranian government pegs the economy to the US dollar.

The players and their families will also go on an all-expenses-paid pilgrimage to the Saudi city of Mecca.

Iran face the formidable Germans in Group F tomorrow. That game is expected to cost the Iranians from the finals, but so far they have been full of surprises.

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CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
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## 2.00 EBF CROWTHER HOMES MAIDEN STAKES 2YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
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2.30	Carlisle (2nd)
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## 2.30 BIC RADIO CUMBRIA SELLING STAKES

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
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## 3.00 EDMUNDSON ELECTRICAL HANDICAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
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## 3.30 CROWTHER HOMES CARLISLE BELT HCAP (SHOWCASE RACE)

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
3.30	Carlisle (1st)
4.00	Carlisle (2nd)
4.30	Carlisle (3rd)
5.00	Carlisle (4th)
5.30	Carlisle (5th)
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## 4.00 C. G. TRUCK HANDICAP 3YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
4.00	Carlisle (1st)
4.30	Carlisle (2nd)
5.00	Carlisle (3rd)
5.30	Carlisle (4th)
6.00	Carlisle (5th)
6.30	Carlisle (6th)

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## 4.30 KILCHNER MOELLER MAIDEN HANDICAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
4.30	Carlisle (1st)
5.00	Carlisle (2nd)
5.30	Carlisle (3rd)
6.00	Carlisle (4th)
6.30	Carlisle (5th)
7.00	Carlisle (6th)

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## 5.00 CROWTHER HOMES BURGH BAROBY CLASSIFIED STAKES

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
5.00	Carlisle (1st)
5.30	Carlisle (2nd)
6.00	Carlisle (3rd)
6.30	Carlisle (4th)
7.00	Carlisle (5th)
7.30	Carlisle (6th)

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### Racing

# Change of plan as High-Rise misses Derby rematch

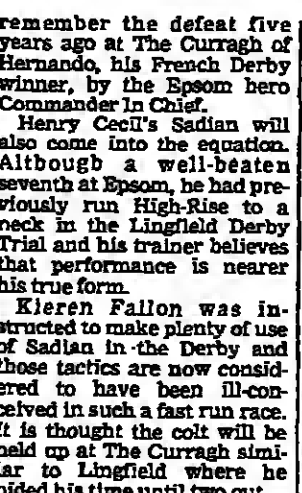
Chris Hawkins

SUNDAY'S Budweiser Irish Derby was dealt a major blow yesterday when High-Rise, winner of the Epsom Derby, was surprisingly not supplemented for the race. High-Rise misses a rematch with City Honours, beaten a head in second, and will instead be trained for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on July 25, which gives him more time to recover from his Epsom exertions. Luca Cumani, the colt's trainer, explained: "Physically he's fine and has worked well since Epsom, but it has been decided after consulting with his owner Sheikh Obaid Al Maktoum and Anthony Stroud, manager to Sheikh Mohammed, to give him more time with a view to an autumn campaign, hopefully taking in the Arc. "Another hard race this weekend so soon after Epsom might have meant we had no horse left. There is also the fact that the Irish Derby involved a supplementary fee of £175,000, as he wasn't originally entered."

High-Rise clocked the third fastest time for the Epsom Derby but did not have the weight according to his trainer and took the race in his stride. The argument about preserving him for the autumn is valid, however, as this was exactly the path pursued by Lamartina after his Epsom success in 1995. Cumani's 1998 Derby winner, Kahyasi, went on to take the Irish equivalent but could finish only sixth to Tony Bin in the Arc.

High-Rise is owned by Sheikh Mohammed's cousin who has been appearing to clear the way for the Godolphin colt City Honours, beaten a head by High-Rise at Epsom, to pick up this stallion-making Group One prize, although the French Derby winner Dream Well represents a stumbling block.

Only two colts have managed to achieve the Godolphin Irish Derby double - Assef in 1982 and Old Vic in 1989 - and Dream Well's rider Cash Asmussen will no doubt



Cumani... holding action

remember the defeat five years ago at The Curragh of Kildare, his French Derby winner, by the Epsom hero Commander in Chief. Henry Cecil's Sadian will also come into the equation. Although a well-beaten seventh at Epsom, he had previously run High-Rise to a neck in the Lingfield Derby Trial and his trainer believes that performance is nearer his true form.

Kieren Fallon was instructed to make plenty of use of Sadian in the Derby and those tactics are now considered to have been ill-conceived in such a fast run race. It is thought the colt will be held up at The Curragh similar to Lingfield where he bided his time until too late. City Honours was the best looker in the Epsom Derby and should have improved in his recent work. Heffernan and Saratoga Springs, who will be ridden by Walter Swinburn.

Sunshine Street is also in the line-up and to prove that his fourth at 150-1 at Epsom, where he led until the final furlong, was no fluke. Making up the field are Campo Catino, trained by Charles O'Brien, Make No Mistake (Dermot Weld) and Takarlan (John Oxx).

Hill's prices: 6-1 City Honours, 5-2 Dream Well, 6-1 Saratoga Springs, 7-1 Sadian and Sunshine Street, 8-1 Risk Material. Ladbrokes bet: 11-8 City Honours, 5-2 Dream Well, 7-1 Sadian, Saratoga Springs and Sunshine Street.



Quinn succeeds in Focus appeal

RICHARD QUINN was successful yesterday in his appeal to the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club to allow him to ride Focus in the second-placed mount Focus a race at York 12 days ago. He was aggrieved at the panel's verdict that interference caused by first past the post Prince of Wales, ridden by Tony Cullen, had not improved his position. After hearing evidence from the jockeys and a

steward, and seen video recordings of the race, the committee found that Prince of Wales had interfered with Focus in the final furlong due to "careless riding" on the part of Cullen in that he allowed his horse to drift into Focus without taking reasonable steps to straighten him up. They therefore upheld the appeal and amended the placings to put Focus first and Prince of Wales second. Cullen was suspended from riding for two days, June 26-27.

## Epsom tonight

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
6.35	Carlisle (1st)
7.05	Carlisle (2nd)
7.35	Carlisle (3rd)
8.05	Carlisle (4th)
8.35	Carlisle (5th)
9.05	Carlisle (6th)

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## 7.05 BT ALEX BROWN MAIDEN STAKES 2YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
7.05	Carlisle (1st)
7.35	Carlisle (2nd)
8.05	Carlisle (3rd)
8.35	Carlisle (4th)
9.05	Carlisle (5th)
9.35	Carlisle (6th)

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## 7.35 DAILY MAIL/MAIDS HANDICAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
7.35	Carlisle (1st)
8.05	Carlisle (2nd)
8.35	Carlisle (3rd)
9.05	Carlisle (4th)
9.35	Carlisle (5th)
10.05	Carlisle (6th)

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## 7.55 MAIDEN FILLES' STAKES 2YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
7.55	Carlisle (1st)
8.25	Carlisle (2nd)
8.55	Carlisle (3rd)
9.25	Carlisle (4th)
9.55	Carlisle (5th)
10.25	Carlisle (6th)

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## 7.55 STONEHOUSE MAIDEN HANDICAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
7.55	Carlisle (1st)
8.25	Carlisle (2nd)
8.55	Carlisle (3rd)
9.25	Carlisle (4th)
9.55	Carlisle (5th)
10.25	Carlisle (6th)

Carlisle, 1st. Carlisle, 2nd. Carlisle, 3rd. Carlisle, 4th. Carlisle, 5th. Carlisle, 6th.

# Warwick runners and riders

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
2.20	Carlisle (1st)
2.50	Carlisle (2nd)
3.20	Carlisle (3rd)
3.50	Carlisle (4th)
4.20	Carlisle (5th)
4.50	Carlisle (6th)

Carlisle, 1st. Carlisle, 2nd. Carlisle, 3rd. Carlisle, 4th. Carlisle, 5th. Carlisle, 6th.

## 2.20 GAVESWORTH VILLAGE STAKES

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
2.20	Carlisle (1st)
2.50	Carlisle (2nd)
3.20	Carlisle (3rd)
3.50	Carlisle (4th)
4.20	Carlisle (5th)
4.50	Carlisle (6th)

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## 2.50 ULLY BRIDGE HANDICAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
2.50	Carlisle (1st)
3.20	Carlisle (2nd)
3.50	Carlisle (3rd)
4.20	Carlisle (4th)
4.50	Carlisle (5th)
5.20	Carlisle (6th)

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## 3.20 RAYNSFORD AUCTION STAKES 2YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
3.20	Carlisle (1st)
3.50	Carlisle (2nd)
4.20	Carlisle (3rd)
4.50	Carlisle (4th)
5.20	Carlisle (5th)
5.50	Carlisle (6th)

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## 3.50 GREENACRES FILLES' HANDICAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
3.50	Carlisle (1st)
4.20	Carlisle (2nd)
4.50	Carlisle (3rd)
5.20	Carlisle (4th)
5.50	Carlisle (5th)
6.20	Carlisle (6th)

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## 4.20 SYD MENCHER MEMORIAL HANDICAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
4.20	Carlisle (1st)
4.50	Carlisle (2nd)
5.20	Carlisle (3rd)
5.50	Carlisle (4th)
6.20	Carlisle (5th)
6.50	Carlisle (6th)

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## 4.50 BLACKBURN PLANTATION MAIDEN HANDICAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
4.50	Carlisle (1st)
5.20	Carlisle (2nd)
5.50	Carlisle (3rd)
6.20	Carlisle (4th)
6.50	Carlisle (5th)
7.20	Carlisle (6th)

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## 3.10 NOEL CANNON MEMORIAL HCAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
3.10	Carlisle (1st)
3.40	Carlisle (2nd)
3.70	Carlisle (3rd)
4.00	Carlisle (4th)
4.30	Carlisle (5th)
4.60	Carlisle (6th)

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## 3.40 MARGADALE CONDITIONS STAKES 3YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
3.40	Carlisle (1st)
3.70	Carlisle (2nd)
4.00	Carlisle (3rd)
4.30	Carlisle (4th)
4.60	Carlisle (5th)
4.90	Carlisle (6th)

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## 4.10 MIDS NEWBURY CUP HANDICAP 3YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
4.10	Carlisle (1st)
4.40	Carlisle (2nd)
4.70	Carlisle (3rd)
5.00	Carlisle (4th)
5.30	Carlisle (5th)
5.60	Carlisle (6th)

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## 4.40 SHRETON MAIDEN STAKES 3YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
4.40	Carlisle (1st)
4.70	Carlisle (2nd)
5.00	Carlisle (3rd)
5.30	Carlisle (4th)
5.60	Carlisle (5th)
5.90	Carlisle (6th)

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## 8.15 WIDOW NOVICE STAKES 2YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
8.15	Carlisle (1st)
8.45	Carlisle (2nd)
9.15	Carlisle (3rd)
9.45	Carlisle (4th)
10.15	Carlisle (5th)
10.45	Carlisle (6th)

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## 8.45 PONSARDIAN MAIDEN STAKES 3YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
8.45	Carlisle (1st)
9.15	Carlisle (2nd)
9.45	Carlisle (3rd)
10.15	Carlisle (4th)
10.45	Carlisle (5th)
11.15	Carlisle (6th)

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## 9.15 RICH RESERVE HANDICAP 3YO

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
9.15	Carlisle (1st)
9.45	Carlisle (2nd)
10.15	Carlisle (3rd)
10.45	Carlisle (4th)
11.15	Carlisle (5th)
11.45	Carlisle (6th)

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## 7.15 LA GRANDE DAME ROSE FILLES' HCAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
7.15	Carlisle (1st)
7.45	Carlisle (2nd)
8.15	Carlisle (3rd)
8.45	Carlisle (4th)
9.15	Carlisle (5th)
9.45	Carlisle (6th)

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## 7.45 LE PRINCE DE LA GRANDE DAME FILLES' HCAP

CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
7.45	Carlisle (1st)
8.15	Carlisle (2nd)
8.45	Carlisle (3rd)
9.15	Carlisle (4th)
9.45	Carlisle (5th)
10.15	Carlisle (6th)

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## Results

LONGFIELD	RESULTS
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3.50	Carlisle (4th)
4.20	Carlisle (5th)
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WARWICK	RESULTS
2.20	Carlisle (1st)
2.50	Carlisle (2nd)
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3.50	Carlisle (4th)
4.20	Carlisle (5th)
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## Football

## 'Attilio stays with Palace' pledge

**M**ARK GOLDBERG, Crystal Palace's new chairman, has assured supporters that Attilio Lombardo will be staying at Selhurst Park. Lombardo stepped down as player-manager when Palace were relegated and there were rumours that he would leave. But Goldberg said: "I am convinced Attilio has his mind focused on Palace. He recognised we are going to be acting in a far more professional manner this season."

Goldberg also dismissed speculation surrounding the forward Matt Jansen. "We received quite attractive offers from Southampton and another Premiership club, but I am convinced Matt will be staying," he said.

"Although our manager Terry Venables is at the World Cup we are on the phone two or three times a day and he is building a portfolio of players he wishes to bring to the club."

Everton shareholders have appealed to Peter Johnson to end the uncertainty hanging over the club. The chairman, expected back from a holiday in the South of France this week, will be told to back or sack the manager Howard Kendall.

Johnson's return comes amid claims that attempts have been made to encourage a major property group to put in an offer for the club.

Tony Tighe, spokesman for the Everton Shareholders' Association, who are forcing an emergency general meeting to bring Johnson to account, said: "The players are back for pre-season training in about a fortnight. They have to know who is their manager."

"I recall when Mike Walker was under pressure a couple of years back that Johnson said how terrible it was for the man to keep reading every day that his job was under threat. Well, that is exactly the same thing that has happened to Kendall."

Charlton Athletic have made the West Bromwich Albion striker Andy Hunt their second summer signing. Hunt, a free transfer, follows the Bosman ruling, follows Chris Powell, signed from Derby on Monday for a Valley record of £225,000.

Powell, meanwhile, is expected to be replaced by the German defender Stefan Schnoor, who yesterday became Derby's latest foreign recruit when he completed his move from Hamburg. The 27-year-old, who agreed to join Derby on a free transfer several weeks ago, is the club's 12th import.

Derby's manager Jim Smith said: "We have been looking for left-sided players to strengthen the squad and a friend of mine who recommended Matt Poole to us said there was a very good player at Hamburg available under the Bosman ruling."

"When I watched Stefan play I saw some very good qualities. He has a very educated left foot, reads the game well and takes responsibility from set-pieces."

Aston Villa have beaten off competition from three other clubs, including Milan, to make their second signing of the close season. Two weeks after capturing Alan Thompson from Bolton they strengthened their midfield by signing the 19-year-old Fabio Ferrarini on a free transfer from Cesena.

Sky will begin live coverage of the Nationwide League next season with Ipswich's trip to the newly promoted Grimsby in the First Division on August 9.

Sky will screen 65 live games from the three nationwide divisions, including all three end-of-season Wembley play-offs.



Going it alone... Adrian Cashmore, the Maoris' full-back, fends off opposition from all sides during the match in Rotorua. PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID ROGERS

Tour match: New Zealand Maoris 62 England XV 14

## England willing but far from able

Robert Armstrong in Rotorua on another painful lesson for under-strength tourists

**E**NGLAND, overpowered and outclassed, nevertheless showed extraordinary fighting spirit against a richly gifted Maori side before going down by nine tries to two yesterday.

England's scores, by Spencer Brown and the captain Tony Diprose, came in the final quarter after they had conceded 50 points without reply despite spending lengthy periods on the attack.

It was another painful lesson for what was in effect England's third-string line-up, underlining their lack of power in first-up tackles as well as the rucks and mauls.

England certainly deserved to lose by a substantial margin but, that said, three of the Maori tries involved forward passes and when the tourists did threaten they were often penalised for technical offences or spilled the ball on contact.

Unfortunately the valuable experience of competing against a side stacked with Super 12 players will have done little for England's prospects in this Saturday's second Test against the All Blacks at Eden Park. Potential playmakers such as Alex King and the full-back Tim Stimpson were unable to drum up the creative spark

that might have put the Maori under sustained pressure in the first half.

In fact Jos Baxendell, who switched from centre to fly-half after the break, may well have played himself into the Test team, particularly if Jonny Wilkinson's leg injury fails to improve. Brown, who worked hard on the right wing, may replace Stimpson in the Test while Josh Lewsey, rested last night, will probably keep his Test place at centre or fly-half.

England gave a courageous display among the forwards, especially after Steve Ojomoh replaced Richard Pool-Jones, who was taken to hospital just before half-time to have a leg injury X-rayed. Dave King, who stayed on the bench throughout, rather than his combative Gloucester

team-mate Rob Fidler, will be favoured to take the place of the suspended Danny Grewcock, the England manager having decided not to appeal against his five-week ban for stamping.

"It was a disappointing result," admitted Diprose. "We missed 24 tackles while the Maoris missed only four. We will just have to learn how to play better with the ball and without it. We didn't see it for the first 20 minutes and later we came away without getting any points on the board after spending 20 minutes in their half."

The hard-running, big-hitting Maoris proved bugle competitive in both defence and attack, frequently biding their time before striking a metre or so from their line when a try was threatened. The Maori poops were mobile and skilled with ball in hand and their captain Errol Brain was furious that Diprose finally rumbled the Maori home line two minutes from the end.

The Maoris need hardly have worried, given the searing pace of the centre Norman Berryman, scorer of two long-range tries, and the all-round skills of the full-back Adrian Cashmore, whose 22 points included a try, seven conversions and a penalty.

Assisted by the referee's casual application of the laws on offside and forward passes, the hosts brushed aside England with 17 points in the opening quarter and a 17-minute salvo of four exciting tries shortly after the break.

The England manager Roger Utley said: "Our spirit has been magnificent despite the setbacks, but the game exposed various inadequacies in our play. The opposition were stronger, fitter and more dynamic than we were. We must take a lot of tonight's lessons on board in the build-up to next year's World Cup."

Meanwhile, England will almost certainly continue with the policy started last week by the coach Clive Woodward of delaying the announcement of their Test side until an hour before the kick-off.

The tourists may be finding it hard to outwit their opponents on the pitch but off it they have managed to irritate the New Zealand Rugby Football Union by withholding their list of 15 names. England, though, are still as far away from their first Test win as they were when they left Heathrow four weeks ago.

**SCORERS:** NZ Maoris: Tryes, Coe, T. Brown, Berryman 2, Seymour, Duggan, Cashmore, Marsh, Randle, Coozemore, Coozemore 7, Penalties: Cashmore. England: Tryes 3, Brown, Diprose, Coozemore 2.

**New Zealand Maoris:** Cashmore, Randle, Berryman, Marsh, Gibson (Kear, 45min), T. Brown, Nepeia (Luscombe, 70, McFarlane, Mervin, Flavel, Coe, Parker (Waller, 63), Seymour, Brain (capt).

**England:** Stimpson, Brown, Baxendell, Roverscraft, Moore, King (Bain, 46), Richards (Benson, 46), Windsor, Groutham, Clompston, Sturman, Fidler, Pool-Jones (Diprose, 36), Mahe, Diprose (capt), Robinson, P. Macfie (Scotland).

## Cricket

## Home James as politics leans to left



**I**F STEVE JAMES, the England debutant at Lord's, never plays a Test match again — and right now that looks more probable than possible — he will still not remotely be the unluckiest Glamorgan opener of all time.

Alan Jones was one of the most consistent batsmen in post-war county cricket. He played over 27 seasons between 1967 and 1993 and passed 1,000 runs in 23 of them, a record that puts him up among the all-time greats. He is 33rd on the all-time run-getting list, and every one of those above him played Test cricket.

Jones thought he had too. He was picked to open the batting at Lord's in 1970 against the Rest of the World team, which was hastily assembled when the South African tour was called off at short notice.

If a more terrifying group of men has ever walked on to a cricket field, it is hard to know when it was: Mike Procter, who once hit six hundreds in a row, was at No. 9.

Jones was out for five and nought, and that was all, she wrote. Except that it was then rubbed out. The Rest of the World games were assumed to be Tests at the time, and Jones was given an England blazer.

Later, they were downgraded. Only Test countries, it was decided, could play Test cricket. All the other England players were picked for other series; Jones uniquely was stripped of his rank and reduced to a footnote.

There might have been a case for playing him again last week. At 59, he remains pretty trim and he is a left-hander. What was obvious at Edgbaston was that the South African fast bowlers were thrown into disarray by the mere sight of a right-left opening pair.

As soon as James took guard right-handed, they had regained some of the initiative they had lost in the first Test. Yet a left-hander was available in Nick Knight who, like Jonty Rhodes, is worth 20 or 30-odd runs for his fielding, anyway. It was a bizarre and alarming decision.

Selection panels may be divided into three categories. The best know the precise identity of the top players in the country; they will juggle them a little, allowing for injury

ries, prevailing conditions and extreme fluctuations in form, but will not otherwise be deflected. They back quality cricketers and keep picking people they know will come right in the end. They take limited notice of the first-class averages, and no notice whatever of scribbles.

The next group, which is more customary in this country, will duck and dive, both and weave. They will panic when an established batsman gets a couple of noughts and start picking Scroggins or Bleggins who made a hundred last week. They sometimes look as though they are being influenced by the press. But this is usually a more complex process than it seems. The newspapers may be running "SEND FOR SCROGGINS" pieces, but this is often because a selector has quietly whispered that he is in the frame, anyway.

The worst of all are so utterly confused that they really will start picking the players recommended in the papers. This has happened, but not all the time. The current panel — David Graveney, Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, with Alec Stewart on hand and David Lloyd making noises off — appear to be sliding, after a promising start, from Category One to Category Two.

Graveney has begun to talk about the importance of form, and studying it too closely; hence the James business.

These selectors at least know the identities of England's three best fast bowlers; they just can't get them on the field all at once. Twice, against West Indies in 1995, Cork, Gough and Fraser really did take the field as a threesome. But there is no recent evidence to contradict that view. Cork and Gough, like Clark Kent and Superman, are in fact the same person (though it is unclear which half is which).

**T**HERE is not much between England and South Africa at full strength. If anything, England have the classier batsmen. But the South African batting has this astonishing elasticity; they don't exactly have Procter at No. 9, but by most standards Lance Klusener is a pretty formidable stand-in. They also have athleticism, adaptability and discipline.

England, on the hand, can degenerate into a rabble at any moment, as they did on Sunday afternoon. This series is far from over, but Old Trafford next week is a big, big game for Stewart — and the selectors.

## Cheshire pitch Flower into NatWest test against Essex

**M**INOR county sides will give their all in today's first round of the NatWest Trophy, but the usual collection of electricians, decorators and other part-timers will face celebrated exponents of the game more in hope than anticipation.

Cheshire, the last genuine shock winners 11 years ago, entertain Essex, the holders, who are likely to drop Darren Robinson to make way for Nasser Hussain.

Cheshire have strengthened their line-up by rushing through the registration of the Zimbabwe Test player Grant Flower. "We like to reward the lads who have got us this far but we also have to compete," said David Sharp, a Cheshire spokesman.

Warwickshire, last year's beaten finalists, will give a fitness test to Ed Giddins, who has a high injury, before their match against Ireland at Edgbaston.

Wayne Larkins, the former England batsman, will spearhead Bedfordshire's challenge against Glamorgan at Cardiff and at The Oval Buckingham

shire face Surrey, who will give a late fitness test to their opener Mark Butcher.

Kent will give a NatWest debut to their in-form 19-year-old opener Robert Key against Cambridgeshire at Canterbury.

Prospective giantkillings aside, most interest will focus on Old Trafford where Lancashire, captained by Wasim Akram, entertain Sussex, led by Chris Adams. The two clashed in a highly-publicised incident during the lunch break when Lancashire met Derbyshire — then Adams's club — in the 1993 Benson and Hedges Cup final. To add extra spice to today's encounter, Sussex beat Lancashire in last year's NatWest.

John Crawley will deputise for Lancashire's injured wicketkeeper Warren Hegg while Neil Fairbrother and Ian Austin will return after injury and Mike Atherton from England duty.

Gloucestershire, facing Northamptonshire at Bristol in the only other all-first-class game, welcome back the pace-man Courtney Walsh.

Gauteng Falcons 39 Wales XV 37

## Thomas off as 14-man Wales go close

Paul Rees

**W**ALES crashed to their fourth defeat in as many matches in South Africa when they were downed by the Falcons in an exciting finish to an undistinguished match at Vanderbijlpark last night.

The tourists' chances slumped when Dean Thomas, their called-up flanker who had only been in the country 28 hours, was sent off on the hour for a high tackle that dazed the wing Len van Riet.

Wales conceded two soft tries in the opening 10 minutes, the Falcons scoring from their first attack. After a forward drive had been held up on the Wales line, the ball was moved right where the centre Eugene Meyer planted a deft chip for the wing Werner Geyer to collect and cross.

Then Geyer's sneaky running beat the defence to set up the flanker De Wet Strydom who took an inside pass and scored with the Welsh defence scattered.

Byron Hayward landed two penalties but ball retention and naive defending continued to let Wales down. The Falcons are one of the country's weakest provinces but

they found space with alarming regularity: straight from the kick-off after Hayward's useful, Paul John controlling tactics adroitly from scrum-half Deon De Kock ambled through with the centre Wynard Lourens one of three players waiting wide out on the right for the scoring pass.

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## Wimbledon 98



Sole survivor... Greg Rusedski ended the day all square against Mark Draper of Australia despite the injury to his heavily bandaged left ankle

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## Cricket's roots are showing, not growing



Paul Weaver

YOU may be reading this week-old newspaper on holiday, wearing the complexion of a diseased radish while your stomach gurgles and bubbles like a laboratory test tube in Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

As you sit there, in the shadowy corner of your favourite taverna/bistro/trattoria, regretting that extra plateful of something you did not truthfully recognise, and that second bottle of '76 (what did you expect for 76 pesetas anyway?) your sullen, sunken, holly-herry sinuses may have fallen upon this piece of yellowing newspaper and with your heart aching with thoughts of dear Albion you will have reached out a trembling mitt to catch up with the news.

You probably feel irritable and impatient, so I will be brief. Tim and Greg blew it down among the strawberries and Pimm's at London SW19 and England were beaten by Colombia in the World Cup, despite a hat-trick from Michael Owen, who came on for Teddy Sheringham for the last five minutes.

As for the cricket, you will be back in time to see what happens. The cricket is worse than anything that might happen at Wimbledon or France 98 because it will go on all summer. It is not a shock or a sudden pain but a slowly evolving recognition of disappointment.

This week England were beaten by South Africa by 10 wickets in three and a bit days. It was all over on Sunday afternoon and cricket shuffled off-stage like a nervous young thespian who had forgotten his lines as the football and tennis swarmed into the Monday limelight looking like Gielgud and Olivier.

And while few people seriously expect the World Cup to be lifted or Wimbledon to be conquered, there was some expectation that England, with a shiny new captain, might defeat South Africa at Lord's.

Being beaten by South Africa is particularly hard to take for some. Everyone expects to be beaten by Australia, seeded No. 4, who had genuine hopes of challenging for the title, to become the first British man since Fred Perry, 82 years ago, to claim the Wimbledon men's singles crown.

To finish a tournament struggling against injury may be deemed brave: to begin with one is surely foolhardy.

Akram is something else, and what about Waqar and Mushy?

Being beaten by South Africa, however, forces us to ask uncomfortable questions about ourselves. Why is South Africa, a side which unlike Australia and Pakistan is less individually gifted than England, despite Allan Donald's pre-eminence, still the better team? Which they are.

I cannot give an answer, only mumble something about hunger and motivation and team ethos and hand you over to a sports psychologist. There is a deeper worry. Wandering around Lord's as the magnificent new stands gleam in the midsummer sun, inhaling the splendour and almost hearing the huge television sums jingle into the English Cricket Board piggy-bank, it is possible to believe that all is well with the daft old flannelled game.

**The rush of sponsors leaving the daft old game sounds like the stampede to the Klondike and club cricket is shrinking faster than a £10 Armani shirt**

It is not. The rush of sponsors leaving sounds like the stampede to the Klondike and club cricket is shrinking faster than that £10 Armani shirt you bought in Hong Kong. Worst of all, children are losing interest. Where were they at Lord's?

The concern for me is that the role model has disappeared. The Middlesex scorer Mike Smith told me the other day, "Ten years ago a kid wanted to be Ian Botham or David Gower. Now he wants to be David Beckham or Chris Evans."

True. These scorers know all about cricket. They keep a beady eye on every ball while the rest of us are looking at the gleaming stands and the fluttering flags.

They note every leg-bye and short run and much else, and anyone who can computer score with one hand and work out Duckworth-Lewis with the other is bound to be nobody's fool.

I hope I do not sound like some wallowing banshee, because cricket is not dying, but despite all the nips and tucks it is showing its age. If it does not start to address the young (I'm talking about more than Kwik Cricket), they will not be looking for the cricket cores when they plug into the cyber-taverna on their summer hols in the next millennium.

## Stubborn Rusedski limps on

Britain's No. 1 struggles to overcome the pain barrier

Stephen Bierley

THERE is a determined and stubborn streak to Greg Rusedski's character which has served him remarkably well since he decided to play for Britain three years ago. It has seen him rise to his current position of No. 5 in the world, become Britain's undisputed No. 1, and reach the final of last year's US Open.

But this same obstinacy and resolution, the stuff of champions, has surely been badly misplaced at this year's Wimbledon Championships. His damaged left ankle, which he injured during the Stella Artors championships at Queen's 12 days ago, is patently not mended, and Rusedski, for all his burning desire to play and not let down the tennis public who have so eagerly stood by him ever since he left Canada, has

surely been ill-advised to play. Tony Pickard, his coach, and Steve Green, his trainer, were apparently against him starting his first-round match yesterday against Australia's Mark Draper, and noticeably distanced themselves from the rest of the Rusedski entourage on No. 1 court.

Pickard was clearly worried that Rusedski might inflict further serious damage on the ligaments of his ankle

which were torn at Queen's. Such injuries rarely heal in such a short period, and Rusedski, by trying to please everybody for the best of motives, may be putting the rest of the year in jeopardy.

When persistent drizzle, which had prevented any play until after 2pm, brought the action to an end at 7.30 under lowering skies, Rusedski was trailing 6-4, 2-6, 4-5 against Draper.

He would surely be best advised to retire this morning rather than take any more risks. Despite making the decision to play last Sunday, Rusedski is clearly badly restricted by the injury which was heavily strapped. The British No. 1 tried his best to disguise how much he was

being hampered, but he resembled a man walking with one wellington boot full of water.

Draper, who qualified for these Championships, had neither the wit nor experience to fully exploit Rusedski's initial deficiency of movement, particularly in the opening set when the British No. 1 served up no less than nine double faults.

Two such errors in Rusedski's third service game saw Draper on the verge of an early break but Rusedski summoned up enough fortitude and courage, including three aces, to keep his nose in front.

There was a huge amount of support for him on No. 1 court, almost as much as that protecting his ankle. "Give me a wave, Greg," someone shouted, and Greg waved. "Give me your shirt, Greg," came another call. He declined.

"Give it up, Greg," must have been Pickard's thought, but it was only the elements that ultimately took Rusedski off court.

A dreadful service game by Draper, who contained a string of volleying errors, saw Rusedski clinch the first set, but he immediately dropped his own serve at the begin-

ning of the second as the double faults continued with a vengeance.

Draper seemed finally to realise he was playing a more-or-less one-legged opponent and began to move him around, although with no particular conviction, and notably without playing any lobs, potentially the most damaging of shots in such a situation.

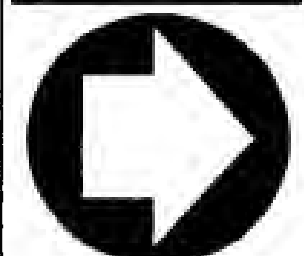
Another break of serve saw Draper, a virtual rookie at this level, ease through the second set, while another break in the third set saw the Australian on the point of serving for a 2-1 lead when the skies finally closed in.

Rusedski had served 12 aces and made 18 double faults—every inch the "plucky Brit". Yet it was difficult to fathom exactly why he had come onto court in the first place.

Even if he were to return and beat Draper today he would surely go out to the first player he met of any quality, which would in all probability be the American Todd Martin in the next round.

The injury has clearly been immensely frustrating for Rusedski, seeded No. 4, who had genuine hopes of challenging for the title, to become the first British man since Fred Perry, 82 years ago, to claim the Wimbledon men's singles crown.

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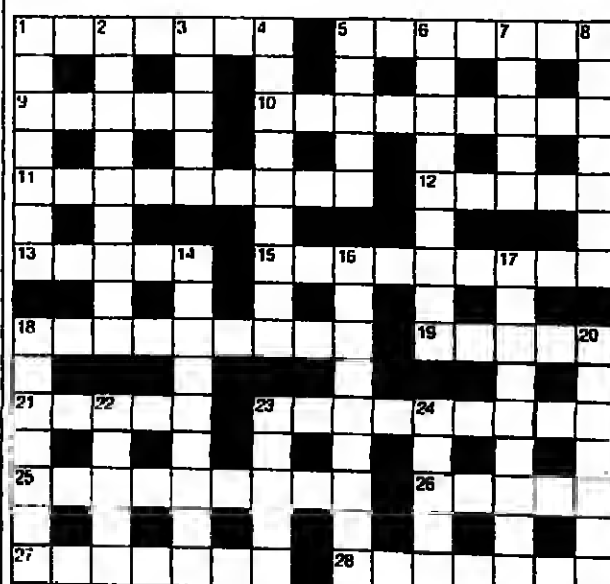
**Why do rugby fans sing Swing Low Sweet Chariot? This was originally sung by African-American slaves in the 19th century. Nobody can quite remember how it became a traditional rugby song, but I am told that it was adopted by England supporters during a match against Ireland in 1988.**

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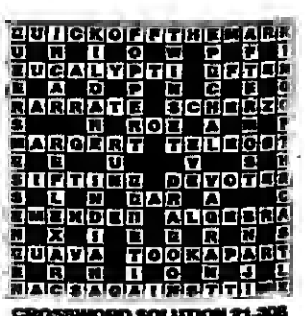


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- 1 Last offer (4,3)
- 5 Now GCE aid possibly. Not free (5,2)
- 9 Some preparation for the term in mathematics (5)
- 10 They're on the inside and receive the dirt (3-6)
- 11 One meal prepared after church. It's subject to change (5)
- 12 Police weapon for which the city has time to call (5)
- 13 Drunk showing tension? (5)
- 14 Aircraft instrument I came across in shift (5)
- 18 A winter month, so gent prepared to clear the passage (5)
- 19 Snappy during the winter season? (5)
- 21 Outstanding part of bridge reflected bone (5)

## Down

- 1 Animal consuming one firm vegetable (7)
- 2 Teach girl in a form showing little interest (5)
- 3 Bracing air round the region (5)
- 4 Playing Mabel at eg chess, say? (5,4)
- 5 Beginning of century soon (as a general rule) (5)
- 6 Bird showing remorse grabbing most of fruit (5)



## CROSSWORD SOLUTION 21,309

- 7 After disaster initially, a significant blow remained (5)
- 8 North American society row is not so pleasant (7)
- 14 Temporary accommodation putting up musical in experimental attempt (5)
- 16 Putting to work finding the sum (7,2)
- 17 Sailor to take meal on ship, producing delay (5)
- 18 Take away part of ill-made traction engine (7)
- 20 Eastern bird one left for ever (7)
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## Ireland blamed for attack on people injured in border

Alan Mulholland  
Main Correspondent

REPUBLICAN dissidents delivered a stark reminder of the fragility of peace in Ireland when an explosion ripped through the south Armagh village on the eve of today's historic elections to the new assembly.

The Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) was linked to the car bomb attack on a new base in Newtownhamilton, near the border in Co. Armagh, by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) in the aftermath of the Good Friday Agreement, which set out the proposed framework for government in Northern Ireland.

A 16-year-old boy was taken to Daisy Hill Hospital in Newry with chest injuries but was last night said to be stable.

Another five people suffered minor injuries.

## Inside Britain